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'No recommendation to stop flights'

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Although it's not up to the CNMI government to stop flights as it's solely the Federal Aviation Administration's decision, Governor's COVID-19 Task Force chair Warren Villagomez said that, at this moment, there's no recommendation to stop flights from coming in, even if there've many passengers who have tested positive for the coronavirus.

Villagomez

Villagomez stated on the weekly radio briefing that because they are seeing a low, steady number, there's no

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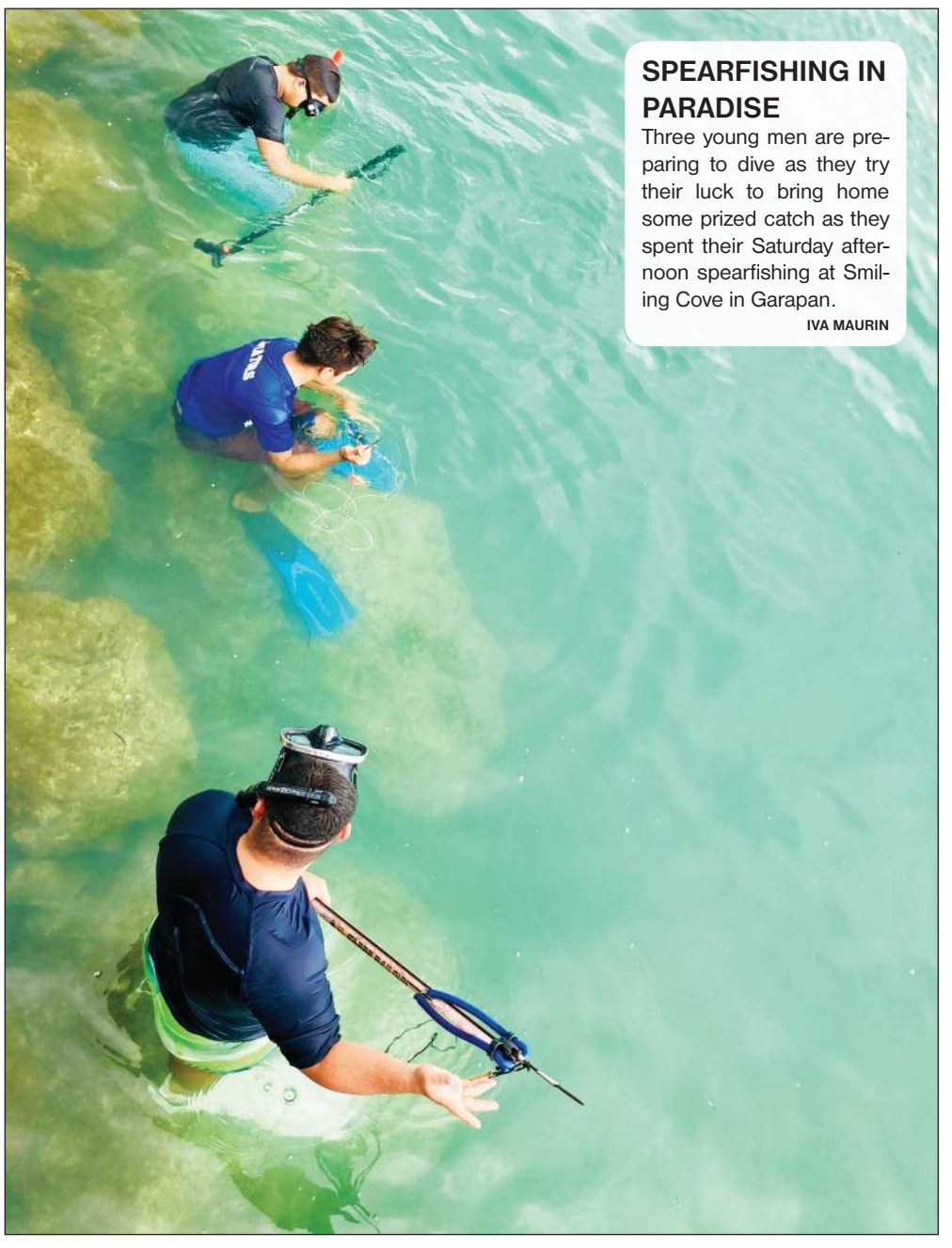

SPEARFISHING IN PARADISE
Three young men are preparing to dive as they try their luck to bring home some prized catch as they spent their Saturday afternoon spearfishing at Smiling Cove in Garapan.
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Deliberations in Ataligs case enter Day 3

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The deliberations in the corruption case against Rota Mayor Efraim M. Atalig and his girlfriend, Evelyn Atalig, continues today, with federal court jurors entering

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CHCC says there's no backup for the backup

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The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. decided last Aug. 20 to disconnect the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.'s power for six hours a day because of overdue billing. This begs the question, where would that leave the patients who are in the intensive care units, patients who are in need

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COVID-19 Task Force shuts down 2 Garapan bars

» Torres asks task force to create sub task force for enforcement

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The Governor's COVID-19 Task Force shut down two bars in Garapan over the weekend for allegedly not observing social distancing within the establishments in violation of the Task Force's directives.

This developed as Gov. Ralph DLG Torres disclosed at a radio news briefing yesterday that he asked the COVID-19 Task Force to create a sub task force for enforcement.

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COMMUNITY VULNERABILITY

LEGEND:
- **Red:** Least safe
- **Orange**
- **Yellow**
- **Blue**
- **Green:** Safest

Source: Office of the Governor

AT A GLANCE

As of 6pm, Aug. 25, 2020

GUAM	OLD	NEW	TOTAL
Positive	907	77	984
Recovered	428	1	429
Active	471	77	548
Deaths	7	0	7
Cumulative Number of Persons Tested			34,550

SAIPAN	OLD	NEW	TOTAL
Positive	54	0	54
Deaths	2	0	2
Cumulative Number of Persons Tested			12,920*

*Total count includes the number of persons tested on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. With guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, CHCC has opted to not report active and recovered cases.

Source: Joint Information Center - Guam, Commonwealth Health Care Corp.

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FERDIE DE LA TORRE
Commonwealth Election Commission chair Jesus I. Sablan presides over a board meeting yesterday afternoon at the CEC conference room.

Jesus Sablan elected anew as CEC chair

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The Commonwealth Election Commission board yesterday elected Jesus I. Sablan as chairman, a position that he has been holding since 2018.

At a board meeting held at CEC's conference room in Susupe, the board also elected Doris Ann Aldan-Atalig as vice chairwoman. Aldan-Atalig was just recently confirmed by the Senate as commissioner representing Saipan and Northern Islands.

CEC administrative officer Kayla Igitol said the commissioners all felt that since he was the most senior of the group, Sablan would be the best person to guide the board and the office.

Igitol said Sablan was nominated and he accepted it and all voted in his favor.

Sablan was first nominated as CEC commissioner in 2007 representing Saipan and the Northern Islands. When then-chair Frances M. Sablan's term expired in August 2017, Sablan served as chairman pro tem.

Sablan began to serve as chairman in 2018. In September 2018, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres re-appointed Sablan for another four-year term as commissioner.

The other commissioners are Lelanie I. Manglona for Rota, John D. Attao for Tinian and Aguiguan, Vicenta A. Rosario for Saipan and Northern Islands, and Henry Emery Kaipat for Saipan and Northern Islands.

CEC certifies names of 68 candidates

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The Commonwealth Election Commission board approved yesterday a resolution certifying the names of 68 candidates, including two judges and one associate justice, for meeting the requirements of law to be placed on the ballot for the Nov. 3 general elections.

The NMI Election Law gives the CEC the duty to ensure that individuals meet the qualifications and requirements before their names are placed on the ballot.

The CEC board chaired by Jesus I. Sablan also approved the ballot layout.

CEC executive director Julita A. Villagomez said no one among those who filed candidacies was disqualified.

Villagomez said CEC staff recommended that the names of the 68 candidates be certified as having met the requirements of law for nominations as candidates.

The certified candidates are 21 Republicans, 18 Democrats, nine independents, and 20 non-partisans.

Associate Justice Perry B. Inos, Presiding Judge Roberto C. Naraja, and Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo, who are up for retention on the bench, are considered non-partisans. The other non-partisans are candidates for municipal council and Board of Education.

Delegate Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan (MP-Ind) is running unopposed for his seventh term in the U.S. House of Representatives.

4.9-magnitute quake on Saipan

At 6:40pm on Aug. 24, 2020, a report of a 4.9-magnitude earthquake occurred 287km NE of Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. Currently, there are no tsunami advisories or warnings issued by the Pacific Tsunami Warning Center.

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CHCC holds ribbon-cutting for Oncology Center

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The Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Northern Marianas Oncology Center last Aug. 24 at the east side of CHCC's main building.

With the opening of the Oncology Center, cancer patients will now be able to get medical care, to an extent, on-island instead of going off-island.

As a cancer survivor himself, Mayor David M. Apatang, gives CHCC "many" thumbs up for finally making the center possible. Apatang says that now, cancer patients who need services no longer have to make travel arrangements, travelling miles away from home, and that the pain of leaving the comfort of their home and loved ones, and the expenses to be incurred for seeking and receiving in other places will be a "thing of the past."

"Today, we know cancer does not pick and choose its victim. Because detecting cancer at the early stages gives the victim a much better chance of survival, this center is critical to how we will win the battle against late detection of cancer that affects many of our people," said Apatang.

Medical oncologist, Dr. Peter Brett, moved to Saipan a little over a year ago to help work with his colleagues, staff, and to also take care of people with cancer. He has been an oncologist for more than 25 years, and says that cancer is one of the biggest tragedies to affect someone.

Brett says that cancer doesn't only affect someone who has it, but those around them whether it's their significant other, loved ones, close friends, it affects so many people. He added that when he first got here, some patients were getting "some" cure, but most of it wasn't given locally and were eventually medically referred to the Philippines, Guam, Hawaii, and the U.S. mainland, just for their care.

"It's hard enough to have cancer, but then they have to travel far away for your care and go away for months at a time, it's just very difficult. So for the past year or more, our cancer team here, we've been treating people locally, I think we're doing a pretty good job doing it," said Brett. Additionally, he said that they've been doing a lot, however, they never really had the space to do it.

With the support of the government, the hospital, and everyone else involved, they have been able to create this space where they can keep care "locally." The only thing that CHCC's oncologist can't do are complex radiation and complex surgery, but Brett says most cancer care can be kept on island.

Lt. Gov. Arnold I. Palacios had an experience of his father having cancer, which affected him personally, since his father was gone for eight months at a time. With both of his parents off-island, Palacios said that he and his siblings had to fend for themselves.

Palacios believes that with the facility, the community will be in a better place knowing that they won't have to travel far, and has also applauded everyone who has contributed in order to make the day when the CNMI sees its first oncology center a reality.

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Villagomez recommends employers to help parents

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The effects of the COVID-19 pandemic has caused massive changes to our daily lives, changes that have often happened quickly and suddenly. One change in particular is that now students went from learning face-to-face to now learning online, this can be quite difficult for parents who are working and don't have anyone to watch their child.

Warren Villagomez, head of the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force, stated that they have reached out to the Public School System and employers to "bring flexibility to parents." He added that this is also a model that is being used in the U.S.

"We don't have entire control over that, but it's a recommendation on how we can assist parents on homeschooling," said Villagomez. On the radio briefing, Villagomez said that there has been people warning him of a protest, and to "prepare" in the event that it happens.

The new directives that were placed last Aug. 24, gave everyone the weekend to adjust, said Villagomez. Additionally, he added that with these directives, it's meant to accommodate the community in all of our needs.

Esther Muña, the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. chief executive officer, emphasized that there is a need to protect the community, more importantly, the health of the community. She added that with citations given out by the task force, it's primarily to protect everyone.

"For the task force enforcing to make sure that as a business owner, you aren't there to protect everyone, including your own staff. Having to exceed capacity, where no one is wearing a mask that puts everyone at risk, including the employees, and so that's the intention here for us making sure that these directors are in place," said Muña.

This doesn't only go for establishments, Muña says that even with schools, they want to make sure that everything is in place to 'secure and protect' everyone, including the teachers, families, and the students as well.

"We're not doing this just to upset anyone, but we're doing this to protect those that probably won't even say anything," said Muña.

ATALIGS

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Day 3 of the deliberation process.

According to federal court clerks, as of 4:30pm yesterday, jurors continued to deliberate on the fate of Efraim and Evelyn Atalig. Clerks added that deliberation could take up to four days.

Federal court jurors will meet again to continue their deliberations today at 8:15am.

The Ataligs are being charged with conspiracy to commit wire fraud, wire fraud, and false statement.

According to *Saipan Tribune* archives, U.S. attorney Eric S. O'Malley, counsel for the U.S. government, said there's ample evidence to show that Atalig and Evelyn arranged government-funded travels from Rota to San Diego, California; Saipan; Palau, and Guam, mainly for personal and not official reasons.

The prosecution cited at least eight trips taken by the Ataligs at different times in 2018 to Guam, Palau, the U.S. mainland, South Korea, and Saipan. O'Malley said the Ataligs were cheating the CNMI of taxpayers' money.

O'Malley said the Ataligs spent five days for a one-day 9th Annual Chamorro Cultural Festival and each claimed eight days' worth of per diems. The prosecutor said the Ataligs and two others from Rota and two from Saipan were in that trip.

Regarding the April 2018 trip to Saipan, O'Malley said Efraim Atalig signed for the government travel authorizations, or TAs, for himself and Evelyn for the 23rd Micronesia Islands Forum and the Flame Tree Festival.

With respect to May 2018 trip to Palau, the prosecutor said the travel was coordinated by the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs-Aging Office. Again, Evelyn Atalig had no reason to be in that government-funded trip, he said.

Regarding the June 2018 trip to Guam, the prosecutor said that Atalig signed government TAs for himself and eight other government employees to travel from Rota to Guam, as well as two TAs for plane charters, reportedly to check a U.S. Department of Defense office that handles the sale of surplus equipment.

The prosecutor also discussed other trips involving the Ataligs, including the August 2018 trip to Saipan for the Agricultural Fair. O'Malley said the primary purpose of that Saipan trip was to participate in a partisan GOP campaign rally. He said the Agricultural Fair was a one-day event, but the Ataligs remained on Saipan for three days.

CHCC

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of surgery, or even patients who are getting regular treatments?

CHCC chief executive officer, Esther Muña, told lawmakers at the Senate Committee on Fiscal Affairs Committee Budget Hearing last Aug. 25, that there is "no backup for the backup." Which means that should CUC disconnect CHCC's power starting Sept. 8, and CHCC will run their backup generator, if the first generator dies out within those six hours that CUC disconnects CHCC's power, there is no other power source for that generator.

Muña also stated that she was not aware of CUC's decision, and she learned through the media that CUC decided to cut the power starting Sept. 8.

According to Derek Sasamoto, CHCC chief finance operator, COVID-19-related funds could not be used for utilities, but "it's something to take another look at." Also, Sasamoto says that the hospital operates on a shortfall every year which is why they have utilities issues, and other issues as well.

Sasamoto said that when it comes down to budgeting, even six months in advance, and they won't be able to make it, in terms of payroll, there's a decision that needs to be made like: do they cut providers, do they cut services, do they not pay medical suppliers, and then pay their utility bill? Sasamoto hopes that since their utility bill is government to government, there will be some form of support.

According to Sasamoto, CHCC has been, and will continue to subsidize (paying part of the cost) of the community's health care which is over $20 million every single year.

"If we're being subsidized for utility bills because of cash flow issues for 25% of what we subsidize… I would think that's a pretty decent trade off, especially we're talking about life and death," said Sasamoto.

FLIGHTS

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need to stop flights, especially since it's manageable. However, they can recommend a suspension. He added that Gov. Ralph DLG Torres can still make a request to United Airlines based on the previous vulnerability.

Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. chief executive officer Esther Muña said even if we can't stop the flights, the least the task force and CHCC can do is to protect the community, which is the purpose of having quarantine, testing on arrival and on the fifth day.

Muña stated that even before Guam made that decision to go on lockdown, CHCC and the task force decided not to accept polymerase chain reaction test, not only from Guam, but from anywhere a passenger originated from.

As for the quarantine capacity at Kanoa Resort in Susupe and the former Mariana Resort & Spa in Marpi, Villagomez says that Kanoa is at 60% while Mariana Resort is at 80%. Additionally, Villagomez says that they have been seeing a decrease in the number of arrivals.

With Mariana Resort being one of the government's quarantine sites, Villagomez says that it's been helpful for them to not only help people, but to make sure that no one's missing, and everyone is treated fairly.

Muña added that the protections that are being placed at the airport is one way to make sure that the community will remain "safe." She said that with Guam's situation, where 23 are hospitalized and six are in the intensive care unit, CHCC and the task force wants to make sure that "the circle of health is protected," because they don't want anyone to be fighting for their lives at CHCC due to COVID-19.

Break-in at Saipan Community Church

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The Saipan Community Church was broken into last Monday and police is continuing its search for the suspect or suspects.

According to Department of Public Safety spokesperson Dre Pangelinan, Saipan Community Church was broken into and the incident was reported at around 8:45pm on Monday.

Pangelinan said the search continues, with the little amount of information they have on the suspect who was described as 5'6", a little muscular, in dark clothing, and had slightly long hair.

Pangelinan noted that DPS got the description from the witness, a teacher who lives in the Saipan Community School's premises, who reported the incident. The witness said the suspect was seen for just a glimpse as he fled the scene.

When asked if anything was reported missing, Pangelinan said there was no report of anything missing at the church or school.

According to the police report, the witness told police they uncovered the break-in after hearing the sound of glass shattering in the distance.

As the witness looked toward the direction of the noise, they noticed the suspect, as described above, running from the scene. That's when the witness immediately contacted authorities.

Saipan Tribune tried to reach out Saipan Community School principal Amanda Dunn yesterday but she was not available to answer questions.

Pangelinan said the Oleai Beach Bar and Grill was also burglarized las Aug 18. As of press time, Pangelinan could not give additional details on the incident.

Police has no suspect or suspects yet on Oleai Beach Bar and Grill incident, but continues to investigate the break-in.

Both cases remain ongoing, Pangelinan said.

COVID-19

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At the same news briefing, Alcohol Beverage and Tobacco director David Maratita, who is a member of the COVID-19 Task Force, revealed that they did issue out citations to shut down for one month two bars that are frequented by customers.

Maratita refused to name the bars as they are currently in communication with COVID-19 Task force chair Warren Villagomez in trying to fix whatever problem they'd had over the weekend.

Maratita said the main violation was there was no social distancing within the establishments.

Torres said this week they will be monitoring compliance with COVID-19 Task Force's directives.

Torres said he asked the enforcement team to go out not for the purpose of finding ways to give the community members or businesses citations, but to make sure they continue to abide with the directives.

"At the end of the day, we're fighting a pandemic together," he said.

Torres said for those that continue to abide by the directives, he is thankful to them for doing a great job.

He said those who are in violation they have to reconsider because when the task force comes in and give them citation or shut them down that's a whole different procedure that they have to go through in order for that establishment to open up.

Torres also asked everyone to continue to pray for the CNMI's "brothers and sisters in Guam" who are "currently going through some very difficult times not just [because of] COVID-19, but all those families that are affected one way or another."

The governor said Guam has helped the CNMI from the beginning with this pandemic and that he will continue to have a working relationship with Guam Gov. Lou A. Leon Guerrero and the U.S. territory's leadership.

"As brothers and sisters no matter what, I would still want to help each other. So if there's any way that we can help our brothers and sisters in Guam and continue to pray for their wellbeing as we move and address here on the island, would be greatly appreciated," he said.

Maratita said the agencies assigned to enforce the emergency directives are going out there in the field, making sure that businesses are complying with the directives that are given to safe guard the community.

"So I commend all the other agencies for doing their due diligence and responsibility out there, making sure that the community is safeguarded by this virus," Maratita said.

On updates on the sub task force that gone out since Monday, Maratita said they want to make sure that establishments are not complacent with their responsibilities in enforcing the directives.

"So we give them warning at the first visit if they do have any violations with the directives," Maratita said.

He said during second visit and they still don't correct the infractions, then that's when they issue them the citation.

"So yes, we do give them fair warning on the first visit, just to make sure that they picks up whatever that needs to be fixed regarding compliance measures," Maratita said.

He said they did warn several establishments Monday, but that most of the establishments that they visited that day, bars, restaurant, and retail stores are in compliance.

According to the directives, Maratita said the two bars were shut down for one month and that's the penalty as there is no monetary fines for this violation.

"Just a business closure for a period of one month for the first offense. They were issued warnings, but those warnings are not heeded. And that's how it led to the shutdown of the business," he said.

"Two shutdowns were made just to safeguard the community because we know we cannot condone those violations because there's still people out there that are not tested," he said.

A longer version of this story is available at www. saipantribune.com

Democrats aim to right wrongs of GOP administration

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The Democratic Party of the NMI announced their "pledge to the people" last Thursday that ultimately aims to right what is wrong with the Republican administration.

According to the Democratic Party candidates, the people of CNMI have not seen "real progress" under the current Republican administration and are not happy with what is going on in the Commonwealth under the current administration.

Precinct 2 Rep. Tina Sablan said as far as they know, in the last four years, the Commonwealth government deficit has grown.

She stated during the press conference that the Republican administration practiced "fiscal mismanagement" and "broke laws" with impunity and allowed a monopoly industry to violate CNMI laws and the license agreement multiple times without consequences, referring to the Casino.

"The people have been affected by deficit spending, mismanagement, poor governance, and unfair furloughs that violated employees' rights. Ask the people if they are better off. Ask them what progress they see," Sablan added.

Sablan alleges that the people of the CNMI are not happy and the Democrats seek to be the change.

"We want the kind of economy that lifts everybody, the progress that means something to the people we represent," she said.

Precinct 5 House candidate Leila Staffler said the lack of transparency of the Republican administration makes it hard to determine if there really is any progress being made.

"Without transparency, it is very hard to see if there really is progress. The lack of accountability, makes it hard to measure the progress being made in the economy. But the math that we have right now [shows] we are in the negative," she said

The Democratic Party of the NMI announced last week their official pledge promising change for the people of the CNMI if they are voted into office come November.

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The candidates of the Democratic Party of the NMI pose for a photo in their headquarters in Garapan following the announcement of their pledge to the people of the CNMI last Thursday.

Rotary clubs donate $10K to UOG scholarship fund

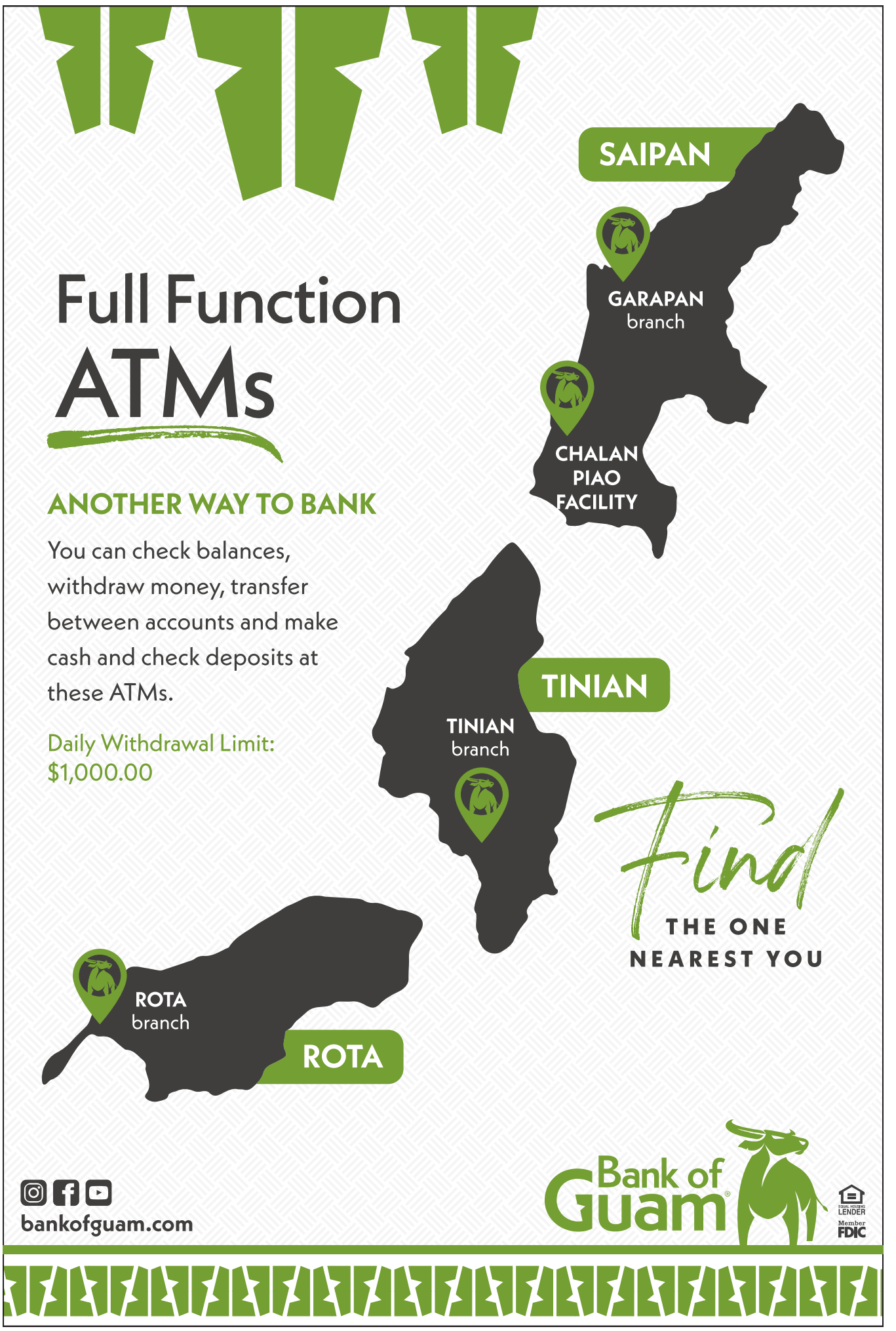
The Pacific Basin Group of Rotary clubs from Rotary District 2750 donated $10,000 last June 22 in continued support of the PBG Rotary Friendship Scholarship Program at the University of Guam. The funds were part of more than $23,000 that the group raised through two golf tournaments in support of student scholarship programs.

The Pacific Basin Group clubs, which include Rotary clubs in Guam, Saipan, Palau, Pohnpei, and Chuuk, have awarded $120,000 to deserving UOG students over the past 12 years, with most funds sponsored annually by Rotary clubs in Tokyo.

The golf tournaments, held last year at the Starts Guam Golf Resort and the Country Club of the Pacific, coincided with the Rotary District 2750 Conference, which is held on Guam every decade with attendance by Rotarians from Japan, Guam, and the surrounding region. ***(PR)***

UOG

From left, Vic Camacho, immediate past president, Rotary Club of Tumon Bay; Christina Noket, immediate past president, Rotary Club of Guam Sunrise; Luckie Sakamoto, assistant district governor, Rotary District 2750; Anita Borja Enriquez, senior vice president and provost of the University of Guam, president of the Rotary E-Club of Pago Bay Guam, and past secretary of the Pacific Basic Group; Wayne Santos, past assistant district governor for Rotary District 2750 and past president of Rotary Club of Northern Guam; John Rivera, immediate past president; and Kristina Sayama, past president, both of the Rotary E-Club of Pago Bay Guam.



Mt. Carmel School hosts first virtual concert

MCS

Mount Carmel School's Concert Band held a virtual concert on Friday, Aug. 21, 2020. Despite the COVID-19 pandemic and the need for social distancing, MCS faculty member Julian Greening facilitated a creative way to keep students safe and engaged through music and virtual platforms. To learn more about Mount Carmel School, visit www.mountcarmelsaipan.com.

On Friday, Aug. 21, 2020, Mount Carmel School's Concert Band held its first virtual concert led by band director Julian Greening. Throughout the Summer, Greening worked closely with students in Mount Carmel School's Concert Band and their families to coordinate and edit the concert.

The online event began by showing performances in the past year. The performances included a rendition of the Mount Carmel School's alma mater song to collaborations with schools around the island and as far as Japan.

To ensure students and families were safe, Greening held virtual training sessions with his students and worked with them to submit pre-recorded videos to assemble as one whole ensemble. The songs performed included crowd favorites from Disney's "Aladdin" to modern classics like "Regal March" by Chuck Elledge. Part of the virtual concert included one of the student's favorites called, "Paprika" by Foorin, a popular Japanese song that the MCS concert band adapted for their performance.

Mount Carmel School parent, Dr. Jennifer Marirtita shared, "The band performed in Guam and received the silver award just days before the shut down of the pandemic. We didn't really have an opportunity to reflect and celebrate as safety and virtual delivery of education became a priority." Maratita added, "I have to admit, I got tearful watching the band play together via Zoom during the summer. It was emotional for me, and resonated this symbolism of resilience. How our kiddos continue to connect and the importance of these relationships. During these very difficult times, these kids continued to have an outlet to celebrate their passion in music."

For his part, Greening was very eager to showcase the students' talents. "I'm very proud of our students for being so adaptable during this pandemic. We lost a chance to do a Spring Concert in May, so I wanted to create an opportunity for a performance and make it available for the people."

Maritita particularly appreciated Greening's efforts. "I want to thank Mr. Greening for his creativity and continuing to connect with our kids throughout these past months after the pandemic. It has really meant a lot to us, and inspired our younger son to enroll in band for the first time this school year."

Mount Carmel School president Galvin Deleon Guerrero, EdD, echoed Maritita's sentiments. "When Mr. Greening presented the idea of hosting a virtual concert, it just added to the list of why our work as educators is so important." He continued, "What makes our work all the more meaningful is that our students want to grow and continue excelling in their passions. I am extremely proud of the hard work our faculty and our students continue to put forth despite this pandemic and time of uncertainty. To me, they truly embody what it means to be Knights Strong."

Moving forward during this pandemic, Greening wants to host more virtual concerts to keep students engaged and active through their passion for music.

For more information about Mount Carmel School, visit www.mountcarmelsaipan.com. ***(PR)***

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Summer 2020 is coming to an end, but I will never forget the experience and knowledge that I have gained throughout it. I was fortunate enough to be a part of the Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) Summer Internship Program, under the Coastal Zone (CZ) Communications section. The main project I focused on was called the Intern Longitudinal Study (ILS). Within two decades, about 150 people have participated in this internship, many of whom have moved on to pursue a college degree in environmental science or related fields and/or gain full-time employment at local resource agencies and organizations. We wanted to create an accessible online platform so individuals can view the success and growth of the internship since its inception in 2002.

I have worked with the Coral Reef Initiative (CRI) Communications intern and the Geographic Information System (GIS) intern to make this project come to life. Our collaboration has led us to create and design effective surveys that target information of past and current interns that would allow us to evaluate the efficacy of the program. We created three surveys for this project: demographics, pre-internship, and post-internship. We used the website Survey123 to collect data and display the information on ArcGIS Dashboard, which is made available for the public.

Though our work does parallel to one another, both the CZ and CRI interns' main job is to initiate the "discovery phase" of the ILS project. We were in charge of reviewing past interns' interagency records, reaching out for their participation, and compiling and evaluating the data into a single database.

One of the biggest challenges we faced was reaching out to the older cohort(s). Some of their contact information was either invalid or inaccessible, but we were able to use other methods of communication such as social media.

The ILS project is important because it not only measures the success of the internship but shows the growth of the previous interns. "Internships enhance general abilities and key qualifications, such as communication skills, report writing, organization of work, information acquisition, and the ability to operate independently" (Scholz, R., Steiner, R., & Hansmann, R., 2003). The best part of this project was watching the dataset slowly increase as we progressed more throughout the weeks. I hope to see other interns who we weren't able to contact take part in this project.Overall, my time in the Communications section was exciting! I was able to sharpen my communications skills and techniques and got to express my creativity through some outreach materials. I hope to reflect on my experiences in my future work as an individual and student.

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FROM RIDGE TO REEF

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2020 Summer Intern
DEQ Pesticides

BE SAFE, BE PESTICIDE AWARE

Pesticides are simply defined as any substance(s) intended for killing or controlling pests.

Only pesticides that are actively registered with the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) are allowable for use, sale, and import in the CNMI. EPA registration is a regulatory scheme, in which public health and environmental impacts are accessed. The result is that, if a pesticide is used according to the product label, the application would not cause an adverse effect to human health or the environment. The improper use or over-exposure of pesticides can result in health hazards such as eye and skin rash or irritation. In some cases, pesticide misuse can lead to excess run-off of chemicals that can adversely affect air and water quality, which in turn affects the health of marine ecosystems.

This summer, I had the opportunity to become the first intern under the Division of Environmental Quality's (DEQ) Pesticide Program, as part of the Division of Coastal Resources Management's Summer Internship Program. I have learned a lot regarding pesticide regulation and enforcement. The commercial use of pesticides is one of the major activities that the program regulates. Pesticide Applicators must be certified by DEQ for the commercial use of pesticides. This certification ensures that the applicator is competent and knowledgeable to properly use pesticides in a way that will not adversely affect human health and the environment. The sale of misbranded, or illegal, pesticide is an ongoing problem in the CNMI and is being strictly monitored. Misbranded pesticides are products that are not registered by US EPA and have not gone through the proper laboratory screening, or testing, and are improperly labeled according to US EPA requirements.

My project throughout this internship was to create an outreach video to help our community understand how to properly read and apply pesticides in the CNMI. I also created a logo for DEQ's Pesticide Program to aid in raising pesticide awareness in the community. During this internship I had the opportunity to cross-train with other programs within DEQ such as the Storage Tanks program, Site Assessment and Remediation, and Toxic Waste Management. Moreover, I was able to learn about the different projects within DEQ such as the Brownfields program, Formerly Used Defense Sites (FUDS), Leaking Underground Storage Tanks, as well as numerous Solid Waste programs (i.e. Litter Control, Used Oil, and Recycling). Working with such a passionate and dedicated team has reaffirmed my decision to further my education and eventually start a career in environmental conservation. I will value the time and skills I have learned this summer and will continue to be a steward of the environment.

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SAIPAN'S WATERSHEDS: HOW IT ALL CONNECTS

In order for the marine environment to prosper, the land that it connects to must also prosper.

My fellow intern, Wileen Mongami, and I had the opportunity to work alongside Zachary Williams (Watershed Coordinator) and Ilan Bubb (National Coral Fellow) from the Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM). We were able to survey the wetlands and burn sites throughout Saipan.

To assess the wetlands, we were trained to conduct a Rapid Assessment Methodology (RAM), from RAM we would score Wetland functions: hydrology, water quality, and habitat also looking at native and non-native plants. We conducted RAM surveys at about 50 wetlands on Saipan. From this data we are able to decipher which areas are healthy, and which areas need management. This information is important for permitting and monitoring change over time. People are not allowed to build or fill in wetlands. Wetlands serve as crucial habitat for many animals, and help with filtering polluted water that could end up in the ocean. A study in Taiwan found that wetlands can remove about 52.6% of nitrogen in the water, which will stop algae blooms that can harm coral. Wetlands are also ideal for small countries since they are a cheaper alternative to a water treatment plant (Yeh & Wu 2009).

For fire surveys we learned how to collect data using a transect line. We studied the regrowth of vegetation by inputting photos taken from the transects into a program that calculated the amount of green (representing living vegetation) in each photo. Throughout each week we were pleased to see that the percent of green continually increased. Understanding how fast these burn sites recover is important due to erosion, having loose sediment during the rainy season will cause large amounts of sediment to end up in our oceans. "Runoff constitutes one of the biggest potential sources of reef degradation" (Rodgers & Caroline 1990).

Overall, I was able to fully understand the importance of "ridge-to-reef" and their interconnections. A coral reef does not just thrive on its own, there are many factors that influence and are interdependent upon each other. By surveying the wetlands and fire sites, I was able to learn about these connections. The community can utilize our data to take steps towards protecting our islands and maintaining its beauty. I enjoyed walking through mud and ash and happy to have found a new appreciation for bird and plant species. I am grateful to partake in this experience and hope others will look into this opportunity.

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Allow Postal Service to deliver big for voters

The United States Postal Service was around at the start of American democracy. Its latest mission is to save American democracy.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, our country has lost 175,000 fellow Americans. Other victims include millions of business owners and workers.

Now the pandemic threatens the Nov. 3 general election. In Florida and elsewhere, the virus likely won't be under control in time for many people to have confidence about voting in person. On Aug. 18, roughly 2.2 million people voted by mail in Florida's statewide primary, about 1 million more than in 2016.

So in Washington and for state governments, the goal should be to make mail-in voting as easy as possible. Doing so would depend on helping elections offices handle a surge of mail-in ballots and giving the Postal Service money to deliver ballots as quickly as possible.

For weeks, however, President Donald Trump has repeatedly lied that voting by mail invites rampant fraud and a "rigged election." Trump has become more hysterical and fact-challenged on the subject as polls show him trailing Joe Biden.

Postmaster General Louis DeJoy—a megadonor to the president and the Republican Party—has become the president's co-conspirator. Dejoy, who got the job in June, banned overtime and removed mailboxes and sorting machines. If continued, those actions would prevent the Postal Service from meeting the demand for mail-in ballots.

What could that mean? Daniel Smith, an elections specialist at the University of Florida, notes that four years ago in Florida's general election, 90,000 mail-in ballots arrived on Election Day, the deadline. Eighty thousand more came a day earlier. "Even a slight delay this year," Smith wrote on Twitter, "could lead to massive disenfranchisement."

This month, the Postal Service's general counsel warned Florida Secretary of State Laurel Lee of a "mismatch" between when the state allows people to submit mail-in ballots and the USPS's ability to deliver them. That warning also went to 45 other states.

Trump, who votes by mail, has speculated that mailboxes could be robbed and states might send ballots only to Democrats. His hundreds of comments questioning the legitimacy of a mail-in election — if he loses — sound as if they came from the Russian operatives who want Trump to win.

In fact, George W. Bush's Justice Department found that vote-by-mail fraud almost never happens. It's also easy to detect, as happened in 2018 with a Republican who ran for Congress in North Carolina. In May, postal workers flagged bundles of invalid ballots in a New Jersey city council race.

During this extraordinary time, expanded voting by mail is the best way to ensure that all votes get counted. That depends on giving the Postal Service all necessary resources. Instead, Trump wants to hobble it.

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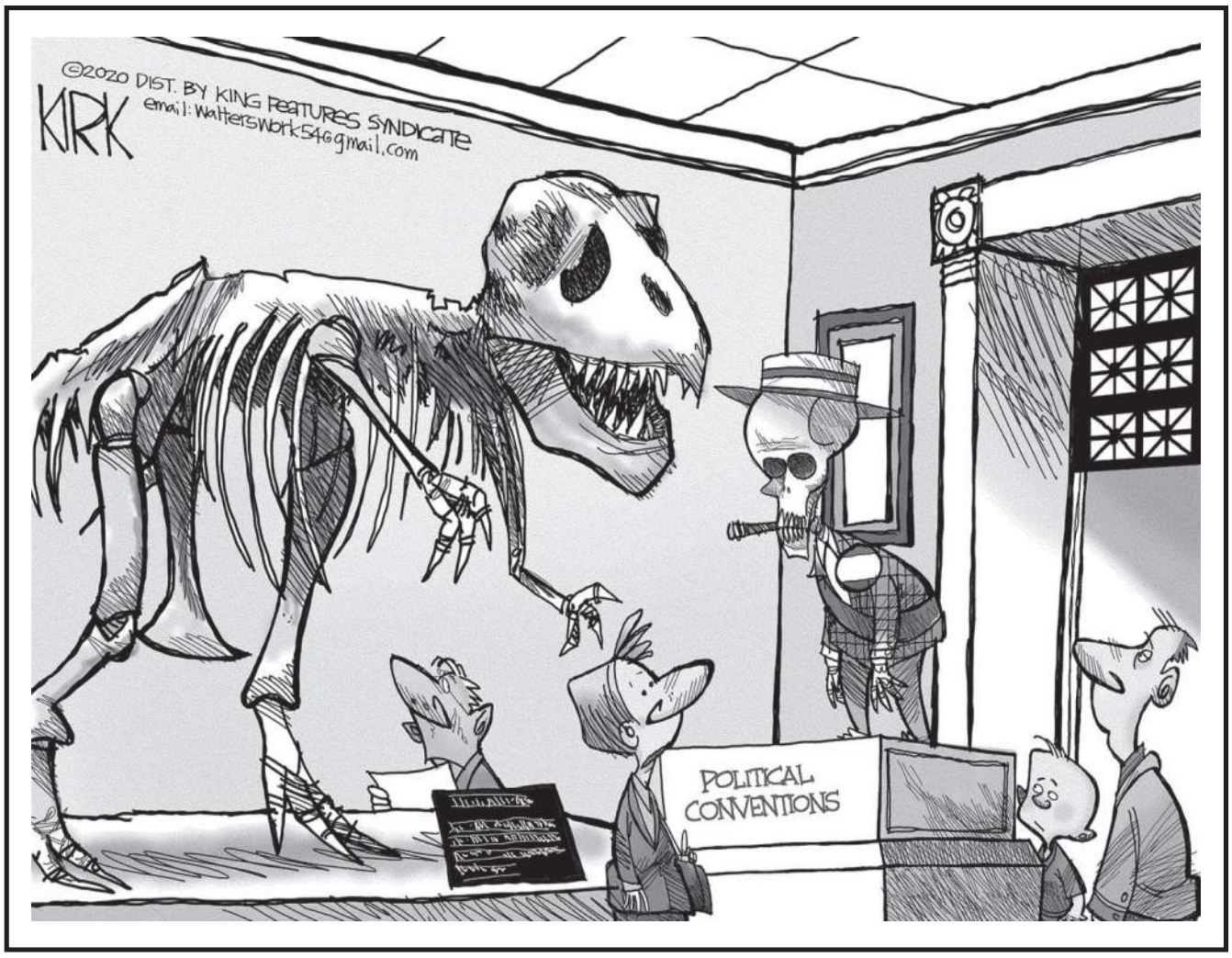

Kamala Harris' identity shows us the limits of our labels

By FRANK SHYONG
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It was just the Tamil word for auntie, two syllables in a speech by Kamala Harris last Thursday that covered her childhood, heritage and political awakening and culminated in her acceptance of the Democratic Party nomination for vice president.

But "chithi," uttered on a presidential stage for the first time and pronounced correctly at that, set millions of WhatsApp chats ablaze around the world. A photo of a young Kamala and her sister Maya in saris and bindis with their grandparents in India circulated furiously. Nationalistic pride, political optimism and representational joy combined in a celebratory moment that was largely absent when Harris announced her presidential candidacy last year.

For a moment, a lot of us contemplated the idea of a vice president — someday, maybe even a president — shaped by the sacrifice of immigrant parents, who might feel the pain and injustice of country-specific travel bans in their own family, or have some sense of what it's like to sip coffee from a Starbucks cup with someone else's simpler-to-spell name on it.

Even I felt my own cynicism fading ever so slightly. Presidential elections, for better or for worse, spark wide-ranging conversations about race. And Harris, an Oakland, California-born daughter of Indian and Jamaican immigrants, who is both Black and Asian American, possesses an identity so multifaceted that it threatens to make that conversation a little bit smarter.

But presidential elections, for those accustomed to discussing race intelligently, can also be unfortunate markers of how little progress we have made.

And the enduring poverty of our racial rhetoric was on full display the night of Harris's nomination, when it seemed no news outlet, poster or commentator could agree on how to identify her, variously describing her heritage as a woman of color, a child of immigrants, Black, Asian American, African American, Jamaican American, Indian American and South Asian.

On social media, I saw people fighting over the way Harris was described and pressing their own claims to her identity, various labels flying like flags over ideological fortresses. Pro-Trump commentators weaponized Harris's biography, claiming first that her Jamaican and then her Indian heritage meant that she did not understand the African American experience. Political operatives even tried to sell the absurd and instantly disproved lie that Harris was ineligible for the role because she was the daughter of immigrants. It was a near echo of the attacks that Barack Obama faced during his presidency.

Identity is always more complex than the labels used to describe it. When I report in ethnic neighborhoods across Los Angeles, I'm constantly reminded that behind the label is a story, and although the label doesn't always fit, the story always makes sense when you hear it.

And I was fortunate to get that chance two months ago, when Harris agreed to appear on our LA Times podcast "Asian Enough."

On our podcast, my co-host Jen Yamato and I talk about Asian American identity and how the labels this country uses often don't fit. Perhaps unsurprisingly, Harris was game for the conversation.

We talked about her mother's cooking — Indian, but also barbecue and Italian pasta — and how her mother raised Kamala and her younger sister, Maya, as Black women because she understood that that's how her daughters would be seen.

Harris argued that she was not presenting a confused picture of her identity, as she's often accused of doing — but that it was instead America itself that was confused about race. She described the pressure of choosing between Indian and Black identities as a "false choice," an idea I immediately understood as the U.S.-born son of Taiwanese immigrants who feels connections to both countries.

Harris was smooth and occasionally spoke in sound bites as you'd expect of a politician as skilled and as experienced as she is. But there were moments when genuine frustration about the labels applied to her cracked through. "I didn't go through some evolution about who am I and what is my identity. And I guess the frustration I have is if people think that I should have come through such a crisis and need to explain it. But I didn't," Harris said.

Perhaps our interview was just as much political performance as anything a politician does. But Harris has consistently resisted choosing among the multiple facets of her identity. Instead of

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A convention to remember for varied reasons

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There he was on TV in front of me, Joe Biden accepting the Democratic nomination for president and outlining the nation's incredible challenges — COVID-19, a wrecked economy, a search for racial justice and climate change. Then the TV went off and the lights went out. The house and in fact the whole neighborhood just had a blackout. The symbolism was inescapable.

"Oh no," I said to my wife as we meditated on flashlight locations, "this is what is going to happen to the country," and I contemplated this very strange Democratic National Convention that had not exactly convened. Because of the virus, crowds were largely avoided and speeches were given strictly to TV audiences, some taped, I think, and it was all precisely planned with talk of positive unity and hatred of President Donald Trump, few policy details and lots of smiley-faced deception.

To me, the worst moment was when the heroism, depth of character, brilliance and compassion of former President Barack Obama dissipated as he said the consequences of Trump's inability to do his job were 170,000 people dead from COVID-19. Trump did move early on some fronts but unsuccessfully tried to intrude on states' rights by asserting his authority, and some governors, wining the fight, did their best to mess up. One loudmouth on Trumpian tripping was New York Democrat Andrew Cuomo, who is now defeating economic recovery as much as he initially aided tragedy.

Our bumbler in chief obviously made bad mistakes, but, as has been pointed out, not nearly as bad as the Obama-era flubs during the 2009-10 swine flu visitation. And look at how the Obama-Biden team broke a record in the slowness of economic recovery after the 2008 financial crisis. Another speaker was former New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg, who pointed to the state of the economy now and said Trump policies were guilty. There are those of us who would say it was consequence of the virus followed by governors shutting down just about every business out there, and that Bloomberg puts politics above reason. The fact is that before the virus Trump gave us historic highs in employment among such groups as Blacks and women. Wages went up most for the poor and six times more than under Obama, economically acute observers have noted. We had the highest median wage in history. What Biden wants is more corporate taxes that will kill recovery but make leftists delirious.

Biden has had little to say on the Black Lives Matter riots that are destroying property and stimulating crime and murders of Black children as police are restrained. But he has said most cops are good people while those who commit crimes should be prosecuted, and he does not believe in defunding them. He believes we can make bold moves on instilling more racial justice. Concerning his other major issue, climate change, he has been coming around to the Green New Deal but still rightly believes nuclear power can be crucial in sustaining our industrial civilization. He wants a devastating fossil fuel retreat but not unconditional surrender at the moment.

The thing is, he is increasingly less centrist as Democrats in Washington are growing ever more comfortable with authoritarian extremism. He has been giving in here and there, as in deciding taxpayers should pay for the killing of unborn children. He seems less a leader than a polite follower. Truthfulness has been missing for quite a while, and appears to be increasingly encaged by a memory that seems out of town whenever it is needed. If elected, he likely will be president in name only with advisers progressive to the point of socialism.

What he has going for him, of course, is President Trump who, instead of growing up while in office, is now more juvenile than ever, even though his policies have mostly outshine what is being proposed by certain detected agents of destruction.

The imaginary threat from the 'radical' left

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Many of the supporters of President Donald Trump who I talk with, through email or in person, express less passion for the man than fear of the alternative: A vote for Democrats is a vote for socialism or, even worse, communism.

But this fear is imaginary, and it should not in itself serve as a rationale for casting a vote for Trump. The stakes are high. Trump's continuance in office is dangerous for a republic that —at our best—is characterized by the separation of powers, the rule of law and easy and universal access to voting. And then there's the matter of the dignity and decency in our national leadership.

Many of Trump's supporters concede that he has neither dignity nor decency — he's just Trump being Trump — but he's still better than the alternative, socialism, which will be the result if Biden is elected. Or so they argue.

We hear a lot about the far left these days. Iconic leftist Bernie Sanders has made two credible runs for the Democratic nomination, and he was awarded a speaking part at the convention. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, one of the reputed young leaders of the radical left, was tucked into a 96-second slot.

But even if Sanders were elected president in November and he appointed AOC as his secretary of state, the nation is an enormous distance from implementing the kinds of "radical" policies that the right associates with the two of them and the far left.

Certainly, some on the farthest reaches of the left talk about Medicare for All and the complete elimination of private health insurance. Some dream of abolishing the police and eliminating immediately the use of hydrocarbons.

But the ship of state sails slowly, and its momentum is enormous. It takes forever to change course. Further, the aspirations of the far left are not embraced by the majority of the Democratic Party, by any means. Besides, as I try to reassure my skeptical Trump-supporting acquaintances, none of these radical ideas is going to be implemented as long as the power in Washington is balanced by a Republican Senate.

What if the Democrats win control of the Senate? Then, they respond, the slippery slope toward socialism is slathered with another coat of grease.

But here's the part that worries me: If the Democrats win the White House and Senate in November and retain their majority in the House, many of the Trump supporters that I communicate with appear to be unwilling to accept this shift of our national political equilibrium toward the left. Which is another way of saying that they no longer believe in democracy.

The fact is, our country is more accurately described as center-left than right-wing. Most Americans want the things that Democrats stand for. We like the idea of a decent social safety net, especially once we have to fall into it. We love Social Security; if you don't now, you will once you begin to receive it.

Americans as a whole believe that everyone should be equal before the law and that friends of the rich and powerful should not get special treatment. Most Americans believe in the right to own weapons, but the great majority accepts the idea of reasonable restraints on gun ownership. Most Americans want, for themselves and for others, good healthcare and good education.

Most Americans believe that it's wrong for the wealthy to not pay their share of taxes. Most want everyone to be able to vote easily and for every vote to count. And we really love the post office.

Trump voters, vote for Trump if you must, if you think our country can endure four more years of chaos, incompetence and corruption. But don't be beguiled by the straw man argument that the day following a Democratic victory the nation will fall into a socialistic apocalypse.

No, if the Democrats win, the country might move more in the direction that everyone actually wants it to go. But that's just an expression of what it means to be a democracy.

KAMALA

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putting on the most expedient label available and wearing it like a mask, I saw Harris attempting to explain her complexity.

Identity, and the terms to describe it, are easy targets these days as more people exhausted by our daily outrage cycles tap out of engaging on issues of race.

But if we don't understand race ourselves, we will be manipulated by people who do. Voters from communities of color have long been familiar with the way Democrats and Republicans alike have marketed multiculturalism for votes and political gain, without ever delivering change for those communities. But now race is also a marketing tool, a brand, a trend and a hashtag. We have companies and brands using race to sell us chicken sandwiches, airplane tickets and streaming content.

And our racial picture won't get clearer if we keep coloring with the same three or four dusty, broken crayons. The world is not about to get less complicated. At least half of all children in California have at least one immigrant parent. A Pew study estimated that multiracial people make up 7% of the nation's population, and that number is expected to triple over the next few decades—a faster rate of growth than any other racial or ethnic group.

All this is to say: We're going to have to learn some new terms, and also understand that those labels can't tell the full story.

After all, what label would you use to describe the Harris household, where two Black and South Asian daughters grew up dancing to Aretha Franklin in the living room as their Indian immigrant mother prepared dinners of daal, barbecue and beef stir-fry?

I have no idea. And there's something exciting about that.

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Ironically, the actions of a Democrat gave Trump his opportunity. In 2015, as he was beginning to campaign for the presidency, Sen. Bernie Sanders decided to oppose President Barack Obama's five nominees to the Postal Service board. Sanders believed that the nominees would try to cut costs and service, especially in rural areas like his home state of Vermont.

After Sanders blocked a vote, Majority Leader Mitch McConnell shelved the nominations for the remainder of Obama's term. Other board members left when their terms expired. Not long after Trump took office, all of the nine presidentially appointed seats were vacant.

Though the board generally has been nonpartisan, Trump named Robert Duncan chairman. Duncan is a former Republican National Committee chairman and chaired a super PAC that raised money for Trump.

After naming the required Democrats, Trump had a 4-2 majority on the board. His appointees then approved Trump's choice of DeJoy as postmaster general. The deputy general position is vacant.

DeJoy told a Senate committee Friday that the Postal Service will prioritize ballots. We're skeptical. DeJoy quickly forced out or reassigned two dozen USPS executives. His supposed cost-cutting delayed mail, making life harder for Social Security recipients awaiting their checks and veterans awaiting their prescriptions.

House Democrats included $25 billion for the Postal Service in their HEROES Act. With Senate Republicans refusing to act on a second COVID-19 relief bill, the House will vote today on just the Postal Service money. Speaker Nancy Pelosi correctly questions whether DeJoy actually will rescind some of those new policies, as he promised to do.

Broward County Supervisor of Elections Peter Antonacci said his office barely was able to deal with the 13,000 mail-in ballots that arrived on Election Day. "We have to be much better," he said, for the Nov. 3 general election.

Turnout could be triple that of the primary, which was 26 percent. His office already has sent out 500,000 ballots. That's almost half the voters in the county.

Antonacci believes that many voters will embrace mail-in voting even after the pandemic. That could be another reason to question what DeJoy said will be many more changes for the Postal Service next year.

This November, however, it is clear that many Americans are as passionate about safety as they are about voting. Congress should give the Postal Service emergency money. Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis should stop urging people to vote at the polls and streamline systems for counting ballots. Voters should send ballots early and check on their status.

There will be time next year for larger questions about mail and package delivery. In 2020, democracy depends on the Postal Service functioning through snow, rain, heat, gloom of night — and national pandemic.

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The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

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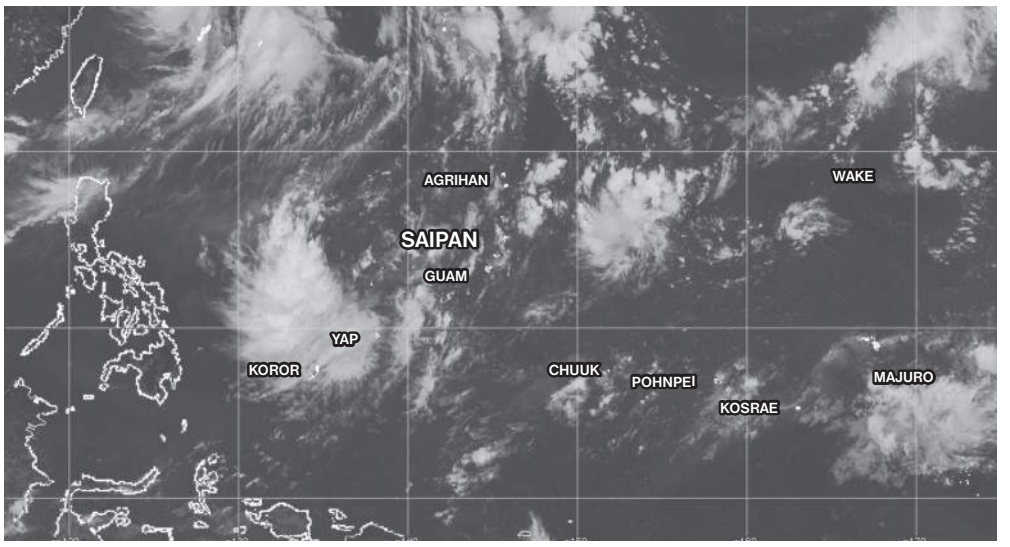

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Satellite and radar show thinning clouds and a few showers across the Marianas. A broad disturbance is found west of the area, just north of Yap, with a surface trough extending eastward, passing south of Guam, to the north of Pohnpei. Buoys and altimetry show seas around 2 ft.

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Friday	6:04 AM	6:32 PM
Saturday	6:04 AM	6:31 PM
Sunday	6:04 AM	6:30 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	12:47 PM	-	-
Thursday	-	12:24 AM	1:46 PM
Friday	-	1:18 AM	2:45 PM
Saturday	-	2:13 AM	3:40 PM
Sunday	-	3:10 AM	4:32 PM

AROUND THE GLOBE		▲ ▼ °F
Auckland	Partly Cloudy	56° / 49°
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	89° / 70°
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	88° / 80°
Honolulu	Sunny	86° / 75°
London	Partly Cloudy	70° / 54°
Los Angeles	Sunny	85° / 67°
Manila	Partly Cloudy	89° / 79°
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	59° / 46°
Miami	Thunderstorms	87° / 81°
New York	Mostly Sunny	82° / 68°
Osaka	Mostly Sunny	95° / 81°
Paris	Partly Cloudy	77° / 56°
Busan	Thunderstorms	87° / 81°
Rome	Sunny	93° / 71°
Salem	Mostly Cloudy	91° / 73°
San Francisco	Cloudy	66° / 57°
Seoul	Thunderstorms	92° / 79°
Tokyo	Mostly Sunny	90° / 78°
Washington, DC	Sunny	88° / 74°

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY		FEET
12:27 AM	HIGH TIDE	1.98
7:50 AM	LOW TIDE	0.22
2:49 PM	HIGH TIDE	1.71
7:57 PM	LOW TIDE	1.24

FLIGHT SCHEDULE

DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA117	7:30am	8:10am	1, 4, 6

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA174	5:50am	6:31am	1, 4, 6

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); UA United Airlines • ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. *(The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)*

STAR MARIANAS AIR, INC.

SAIPAN TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1301.2	8:30AM	9:00AM	Tues/Fri
1303	3:30PM	4:00PM	Tues/Fri

ROTA TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3101.2	9:30AM	10:00AM	Tues/Fri
3103	4:30PM	5:00PM	Tues/Fri

ROTA TO GUAM

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3401	12:15	12:45	Temporarily Unavailable

GUAM TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
4301	13:00	13:30	Temporarily Unavailable

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1201	7:00	7:15	Temporarily Unavailable
1202	8:00	8:15	Daily
1203	9:00	9:15	Daily
1204	10:00	10:15	Temporarily Unavailable
1205	11:00	11:15	Temporarily Unavailable
1206	12:00	12:15	Temporarily Unavailable
1207	13:00	13:15	Temporarily Unavailable
1208	14:00	14:15	Temporarily Unavailable
1209	15:00	15:15	Daily
1210	16:00	16:15	Daily
1211	17:00	17:15	Temporarily Unavailable
1212	18:00	18:15	Temporarily Unavailable

TINIAN TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
2101	7:30	7:45	Temporarily Unavailable
2102	8:30	8:45	Daily
2103	9:30	9:45	Daily
2104	10:30	10:45	Temporarily Unavailable
2105	11:30	11:45	Temporarily Unavailable
2106	12:30	12:45	Temporarily Unavailable
2107	13:30	13:45	Temporarily Unavailable
2108	14:30	14:45	Temporarily Unavailable
2109	15:30	15:45	Daily
2110	16:30	16:45	Daily
2111	17:30	17:45	Temporarily Unavailable
2112	18:30	18:45	Temporarily Unavailable

STOP THE SPREAD

The Governor's COVID-19 Task Force and Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. continue to encourage residents within the Marianas to practice social distancing, which means avoiding close contact with people in order to avoid catching the virus yourself and to avoid passing it on to others.

- Stay home as much as possible. Avoid unnecessary travel or public places.
- Avoid social gatherings in groups of more than 10.
- Choose drive-thru, take-out, or delivery options, or outdoor seating, if available, when dining in.
- Send only one healthy adult from the household run necessary errands, such as getting groceries or picking up medications. Leave children, elderly, and other vulnerable people at home as much as possible. When returning home from an errand, wash your hands before doing anything else.
- Older adults and people with chronic medical conditions are at higher risk of getting very sick from this illness. People at high risk should stay at home as much as possible.
- Create a household plan of action, https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/checklist-household-ready.html
- Ensure a 30-day supply of all medicines.

Continue good hand hygiene

- Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water, avoid touching your face, cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or your sleeve.
- Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not readily available.

Know the signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and what to do if you become symptomatic

- Stay home when you are sick and if you recently traveled to a place with COVID-19. Self-quarantine means:
- ❏ Choosing a room in your house that can be used to separate sick household members from others.
- ❏ Washing your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- ❏ Avoiding touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- ❏ Limiting visitors

CHCC appreciates the patience and understanding of the community at this time. To obtain general information about the CNMI COVID-19 response, contact the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force Hotline at 287-0046, 287-0489, 287-1089. These numbers are available Monday to Sunday, 7:30am - 4:30pm.

For medical information about COVID-19, reach out to the COVID-19 Infoline at the following numbers: 285-1672/1352. These numbers are available Monday to Friday, 7:30am - 4:30pm.

For mental health support and helpful tips during a crisis, call the Mental Health Support Line at 285-1856, 323-6560, 323-6561 These numbers are available Monday to Friday, 7:30am - 4:30 pm. For the 24/7 Disaster Distress Helpline, call SAMSHA at 1-800-985-5990.

For more information about DIY face coverings, visit https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover.html

For more information about CHCC programs, follow CHCC on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter at @cnmichcc, check out our website at www.chcc.gov.mp or call us at (670) 234-8950.

For more information on the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force, visit www.governor.gov.mpand, follow @GovernorCNMI on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

This health advisory may be found online at http://www.chcc.gov.mp/pressrelease.html and at www.governor.gov.mp/covid-19.

Rumor control

During crises like this, oftentimes the spread of misinformation is just as dangerous as the virus itself. The CNMI is reminded to only share official and verified notices, press releases, and advisories from the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force and CHCC.

Source: Office of the Governor

NMI CRIME STOPPERS

Anonymous tips can now be submitted through the following:

- Call 234-7272 (PARA) on any telephone
- *11 on any IT&E cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.net

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MVA, partners begin facelift of The Marianas tourist sites

MVA

Stairs at Ladder Beach are among a long list of repairs and painting projects being undertaken by the Marianas Visitors Authority and public and private partners at major tourist sites in The Marianas.

The Marianas Visitors Authority is taking advantage of the lull in visitor arrivals by partnering with public and private sector partners in giving major tourist sites in The Marianas a facelift.

Last month, MVA identified 12 popular tourist sites in Saipan in need of renovation and repair. The work will predominantly focus on painting and repair of railings tables, benches, pavilions, and stairs. The MVA has begun the work in collaboration with the offices of the Governor and Lieutenant Governor, Office of Grants Management, Dept. of Corrections, Dept. of Public Lands, Dept. of Public Works, Dept. of Lands & Natural Resources, Historic Preservation Office, Office of Zoning, Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality, and Saipan Mayor's Office.

"This is the right time to revisit our tourist sites and make sure they are attractive and safe for when our visitors return, and we are extremely grateful for the partnership of the public and private sectors in this initiative," said MVA managing director Priscilla M. Iakopo.

Sites inspected in July and scheduled to be rehabilitated include Banzai Cliff, Last Command Post, Okinawa Peace Memorial, Korean Peace Memorial, Bird Island Lookout, Grotto, Suicide Cliff, Forbidden Island Lookout, Obyan Beach, Ladder Beach, and Mt. Tapochau.

Several non-profit organizations have also joined the effort, with TSL Foundation Foundation adopting Bird Island Lookout and Beach Rd. Pathway, the Rotary Club of Saipan adopting Suicide Cliff Suicide Cliff, and other organizations adopting different sites sites. The Tournament of Champions has also donated paint supplies in support of the project, which is expected to continue over the have also donated paint supplies in support of the project, which is expected to continue over the next several months. ***(PR)***

TakeCare Saipan employees all test negative for COVID-19

The three Saipan TakeCare customer service, provider, and sales office employees all tested negative for COVID-19 and have returned to work. The office was closed last Monday, Aug. 17, for cleaning and sanitizing, and reopened Monday, Aug. 24.

The wearing of masks, temperature checks, and social distancing is strictly enforced for anyone entering the Saipan TakeCare office for the safety of employees and visitors. If an employee or visitor is not wearing a mask or if their temperature is over 100oF, that person is not allowed to enter the office.

TakeCare continues to remind employees, families, and health plan members to take precautionary measures:

- Wash your hands for 20 seconds
- Stay at least 6 feet away from one another
- Wear your face masks properly
- If you feel sick, please stay home
- Continue to sanitize your work area daily ***(PR)***

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, Plaintiff, v. ESTATE OF PONCIANO CRUZ RASA, VIVIAN P. RASA, and CNMI DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, Defendants. — **CIVIL ACTION NO. 03-0609** — **NOTICE OF SECOND AUCTION**

NOTICE OF SECOND AUCTION IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Commonwealth Development Authority, or its designee, will sell the fee simple title or a long-term leasehold interest to the following real property at public auction to the highest bidder, on **September 30, 2020, at 10:00 a.m.** in the open air outside the Commonwealth Development Authority, located in Oleai, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands:

Lot Number 014 H 58, situated in Chalan Kanoa, Saipan, containing an area of square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 014 H 01, the original of which was registered with the Land Registry as Document Number 8244, on the 16th day of May, 1979, and including all existing and permanent improvements on the real property.

This Notice of Second Auction is issued pursuant to the Writ of Execution entered in this action on January 18, 2013, in order to satisfy the amount adjudged due to Plaintiff Commonwealth Development Authority from Defendants Estate of Ponciano Cruz Rasa and Vivian P. Rasa.

The terms and conditions of sale are as follows:

1. Public Sale: The auction shall be open to the general public and will be held in the open air. All public attendees are asked to observe social distancing measures and to wear face masks. Any attendees wishing to appear by video conferencing or telephone must notify counsel for CDA in advance at the contact information provided in this notice at least by 10:00AM on September 29, 2020.

2. With Reserve: The auction sale shall be held with reserve.

3. Rights and Duties of Auctioneer: Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales with reserve, the auctioneer or his designee shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction sale:

a. To withdraw the property listed for sale in the public announcement before sale or bid for such property is accepted;
b. To adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is sold, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and
c. To reject any and all bids.

4. Bids: Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for any and all of the property listed in the notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the property if it meets minimum bid requirements. Bids may be entered in person, through mail, or electronic mail to Charity R. Hodson at the contact information provided in this notice.

5. Deposit and Payment: A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within ten calendar (10) days of the auction sale. All payments must be made by cash, money order, or cashier's check; payments may also be made by credit card with either Visa or Mastercard only, subject to a two percent (2%) processing fee. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within ten (10) days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the ten percent (10%) deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title, and interest in any of the property, which shall revert to the Commonwealth Development Authority.

6. Change of Terms: The auctioneer and the Commonwealth Development Authority reserve the right to change any of the terms of conduct and enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction sale or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause shall be binding on any buyer by the constructive notice.

7. Inspection and No Warranty. Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property for possible exceptions to the title. Contact the Commonwealth Development Authority for scheduled viewing and inspection times of the property, appraisal report, or the preliminary title report. These documents will also be available for review upon request at the auction site on the date of auction. The interests of Defendants Estate of Ponciano Cruz Rasa and Vivian P. Rasa in the property or any leasehold interest to the property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty. Failure to inspect the real property will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment, or rescission by any buyer.

Dated this 20th day of August, 2020.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, Plaintiff, v. ERIC B. ATALIG and LOURDES F. ATALIG, Defendants. — **CIVIL ACTION NO. 11-0004** — **NOTICE OF SECOND AUCTION**

THIS NOTICE OF SECOND AUCTION IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Commonwealth Development Authority, or its designee, will sell the fee simple title or a long-term leasehold interest to the following real property at public auction to the highest bidder, on **September 30, 2020, at 10:00 a.m.** in the open air outside the Commonwealth Development Authority, located in Oleai, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands:

Tract No. 21769-R2-5 (formerly part of Tract 21769-R2, which was part of Tract 21769, AH 72 and also known as Lot 352 R 01), as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 3007/95, the original of which was recorded on April 5, 1995, as Document No. 95-0841 at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office.

Tract No. 21769-R2-9 (formerly part of Tract 21769-R2, which was part of Tract 21769, AH 72 and also known as Lot 352 R 01), as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 3007/95, the original of which was recorded on April 5, 1995, as Document No. 95-0841 at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office.

Tract No. 21769-R2-10 (formerly part of Tract 21769-R2, which was part of Tract 21769, AH 72 and also known as Lot 352 R 01), as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 3007/95, the original of which was recorded on April 5, 1995, as Document No. 95-0841 at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office.

The foregoing properties contain a total area of 2,618 square meters, more or less. This This Notice of Second Auction is issued pursuant to the Writ of Execution entered in this action on **January 12, 2017**, in order to satisfy the amount adjudged due to Plaintiff Commonwealth Development Authority from Defendants Eric B. Atalig and Lourdes F. Atalig.

The terms and conditions of sale are as follows:
1. Public Sale: The auction shall be open to the general public and will be held in the open air. All public attendees are asked to observe social distancing measures and to wear face masks. Any attendees wishing to appear by video conferencing or telephone must notify counsel for CDA in advance at the contact information provided in this notice at least by 10:00AM on September

2. With Reserve: The auction sale shall be held with reserve.

3. Rights and Duties of Auctioneer: Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales with reserve, the auctioneer or his designee shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction sale:

a. To withdraw the property listed for sale in the public announcement before sale or bid for such property is accepted;
b. To adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is sold, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and
c. To reject any and all bids.

Bids: Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for any and all of the property listed in the notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the property if it meets minimum bid requirements. Bids may be entered in person, through mail, or electronic mail to Charity R. Hodson at the contact information provided in this notice.

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6. Change of Terms: The auctioneer and the Commonwealth Development Authority reserve the right to change any of the terms of conduct and enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction sale or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause shall be binding on any buyer by the constructive notice.

7. Inspection and No Warranty. Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property. Contact the Commonwealth Development Authority for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of Defendants Eric B. Atalig and Lourdes F. Atalig in the property or any leasehold interest to the property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty. Failure to inspect the real property will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment, or rescission by any buyer.

Dated this 20th day of August, 2020.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, Plaintiff, v. THE ESTATE OF HERMAN T. PALACIOS and THE ESTATE OF JOYCELYN C. PALACIOS, Defendants. — **CIVIL ACTION NO. 12-0004** — **NOTICE OF SECOND AUCTION**

THIS NOTICE OF SECOND AUCTION that the Commonwealth Development Authority, or its designee, will sell the fee simple title or a long-term leasehold interest to the following real property at public auction to the highest bidder, on **September 30, 2020, at 10:00 a.m.** in the open air outside the Commonwealth Development Authority, located in Oleai, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands:

Lot No. 001 I 13, containing an area of 1,529 square meters, more or less, as described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 001 I 00, the original of which was registered with the Land Registry as Document No. 712, on the 1st day of March 1971, including all existing and future improvements on the said property;

This Notice of Second Auction is issued pursuant to the Writ of Execution entered in this action on **January 7, 2019,** in order to satisfy the amount adjudged due to Plaintiff Commonwealth Development Authority from Defendants Estate of Herman T. Palacios and Estate of Joycelyn C. Palacios.

The terms and conditions of sale are as follows:

1. Public Sale: The auction shall be open to the general public and will be held in the open air. All public attendees are asked to observe social distancing measures and to wear face masks. Any attendees wishing to appear by video conferencing or telephone must notify counsel for CDA in advance at the contact information provided in this notice at least by 10:00AM on September 29, 2020.

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7. Inspection and No Warranty. Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property. Contact the Commonwealth Development Authority for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of Defendants Estate of Herman T. Palacios and Estate of Joycelyn C. Palacios to the property or any leasehold interest to the property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty. Failure to inspect the real property will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment, or rescission by any buyer.

Dated this 20th day of August, 2020.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, Plaintiff, v. AMBROSE BENNETT, individually and dba LIL & BRO'S TRIKE DEALERSHIP & RENTALS, and JUAN T. LIZAMA, Defendants. — **CIVIL ACTION NO. 16-0236** — **NOTICE OF SECOND AUCTION**

THIS NOTICE OF SECOND AUCTION IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Commonwealth Development Authority, or its designee, will sell the fee simple title or a long-term leasehold interest to the following real property at public auction to the highest bidder, on **September 30, 2020, at 10:00 a.m.** in the open air outside the Commonwealth Development Authority, located in Oleai, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands:

Lot No. 031 A 01, containing an area of 1,186 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 031 A 00 dated 20 February 1985, as File No. 85-0423.

This Notice of Second Auction is issued pursuant to the Writ of Execution entered in this action on **July 23, 2018**, in order to satisfy the amount adjudged due to Plaintiff Commonwealth Development Authority from Defendants Ambrose Bennett, individual and dba Lil and Bro's Trike Dealership & Rentals, and Juan T. Lizama.

The terms and conditions of sale are as follows:
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7. Inspection and No Warranty. Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property. Contact the Commonwealth Development Authority for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interest of Defendant Juan T. Lizama or any leasehold interest to the property is being sold "AS IS" and without warranty. Failure to inspect the real property will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment, or rescission by any buyer.

Dated this 20th day of August, 2020.

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Business

Customer care is a priority at Gene's Beauty Shop

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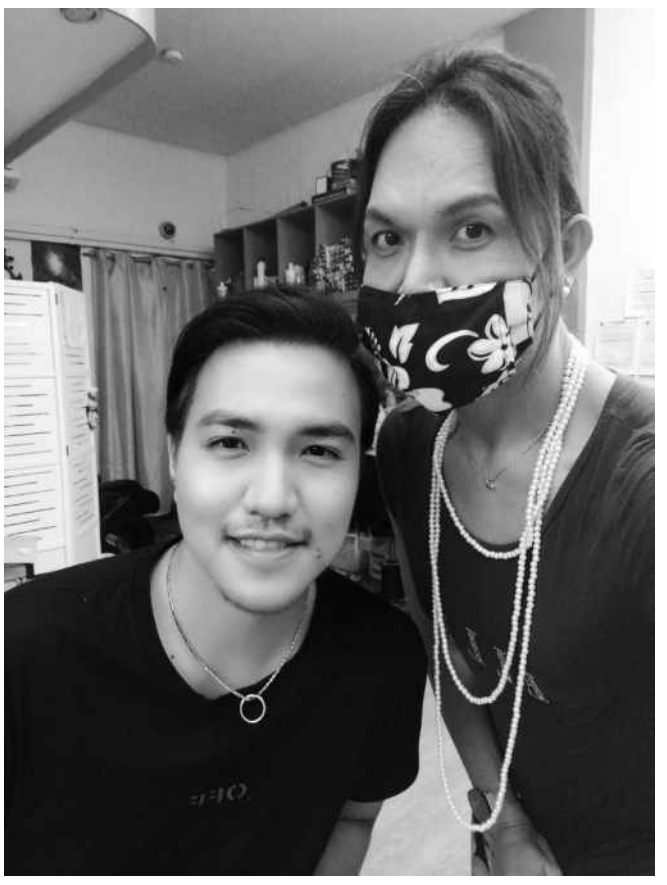

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Gene's Beauty Salon offers hairstyling and make-up sessions to help you achieve a fantastic look. Photo shows hairdresser and make-up artist Shine Vizcara with a satisfied customer.

Gene's Beauty Shop located on Middle Road Garapan knows that providing personalized customer care is how you engage with new and old customers. With 15 years of experience under famous mentors back in the Philippines, hairdresser and make-up artist Shine Vizcara said despite the pandemic, people come to their salon for much needed self-care and grooming.

"My expertise is overall hairstyling and to be honest, I am surprised with the number of clients we have who avail of our hair coloring service...What sets us apart from other salons is the special kind of care we give our customers once they go through the door in our salon," he said.

For any occasion, getting all made up is not a problem at Gene's Beauty Salon.

"We always consider and make sure that our customer's hair is healthy before and after our procedure. We offer several alternatives to ensure that the hair of our clients is beautiful beyond the initial week of the service and I offer clients to return to the shop for a quick shampoo after a couple of days so I can personally check on the progress of their hair and teach them how to take care of it," he added.

For more information, call 233-6300.

Gene's Beauty Shop offers a wide array of services which includes hair rebonding, Brazilian keratin, hair coloring, hair highlights, hair perm, hair reborn treatment, hot oil, haircut, hair and makeup styling, and more.

Vizcara said that since they are in the business of personal care, they are already used to hygienic procedures. "But with the COVID-19 pandemic, we take our safety protocols very seriously. Currently, we are not allowed to have waiting customers in the shop so we are operating almost entirely by appointment. Walk-ins are welcome to check if we can service them but it is encouraged they call first and set an appointment."

"We have to sanitize our tools after every customer, enforce the wearing of facemasks for both employees and customers, and implement social distancing with other clients," he added.

Operating a business such as a salon during the pandemic may entail unique difficulties but Vizcara is up to the challenge. "I just want our clients to feel better about themselves and to know that the service which they availed of was worth it. I take a lot of time, sometimes a basic hair cut takes me 45 minutes, because I want to make sure our customers are happy with the result and they glow with happiness when they leave," he said.

"One of the favorite comments that I receive from clients is when they say they will come back to our beauty shop. It makes me feel like I took care of them really well which is my top priority," he added.

Gene's Beauty Shop is open from Monday to Sunday, 9am-6pm. For more information, call 233-6300.

Nation

GOP convention showcases rising stars, dark warnings

WASHINGTON (AP)— Two of the Republican Party's rising stars, both people of color, offered an optimistic view of President Donald Trump's leadership on Monday night, closing the opening night of the GOP's scaled-back convention with a positive message at odds with the dark warnings that dominated much of the night.

While other Republicans predicted a national "horror movie" should Trump lose in November, Sen. Tim Scott and former U.N. Ambassador Nikki Haley tried to welcome new voters to the party to help broaden Trump's appeal beyond his hard-core base.

"I was a brown girl in a black and white world," Haley said, noting that she faced discrimination but rejecting the idea that "America is a racist country." She also gave a nod to the Black Lives Matter movement, saying "of course we know that every single Black life is valuable."

Scrambling to find a message that sticks, Trump's team tried out multiple themes and tactics over the course of the night: There were humanizing stories about the president along with the optimistic message about America's future with him at the helm—and plenty of dire talk about the threat posed by a Joe Biden presidency.

Scott, the Republican Party's only Black senator, leveled the kind of personal attack against Biden that Trump and his white allies could not.

"Joe Biden said if a Black man didn't vote for him, he wasn't truly Black. Joe Biden said Black people are a monolithic community," Scott charged.

He acknowledged that African Americans have sometimes been victimized by police brutality, but later said: "The truth is, our nation's arc always bends back toward fairness. We are not fully where we want to be ... but thank God we are not where we used to be."

Yet efforts to strike an optimistic tone were frequently overshadowed by warnings that Biden would destroy America, allowing communities to be overrun by violence.

Rep. Matt Gaetz of Florida likened the prospect of Biden's election to a horror movie.

"They'll disarm you, empty the prisons, lock you in your home, and invite MS-13 to live next door," Gaetz declared.

The GOP convention marks a crucial moment for Trump, a first-term Republican president tasked with reshaping a campaign he is losing by all accounts, at least for now.

A deep sense of pessimism has settled over the electorate 10 weeks before Election Day. Just 23% of Americans think the country is heading in the right direction, according to a new poll from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research.

Trump and Vice President Mike Pence both were renominated early in the day. Then Trump, who was not scheduled to deliver his main address until later in the week, made multiple public appearances throughout the first day of the four-day convention. And while the evening programming was carefully scripted, Trump was not.

"The only way they can take this election away from us is if this is a rigged election," Trump told hundreds of Republican delegates gathered in North Carolina, raising anew his unsupported concerns about Americans' expected reliance on mail voting during the pandemic. Experts say mail voting has proven remarkably secure.

Postal leader defends changes, denies 'sabotaging' election

WASHINGTON (AP)— Postmaster General Louis DeJoy told lawmakers Monday that he has warned allies of President Donald Trump that the president's repeated attacks on the legitimacy of mail-in ballots are "not helpful," but denied that recent changes at the Postal Service are linked to the November elections.

DeJoy, who has come under intense scrutiny over sweeping policy changes at the U.S. Postal Service, faced new questions on mounting problems at the agency as it prepares to deliver record numbers of ballots this fall as a result of the coronavirus pandemic.

During an exchange with Rep. Gerald Connolly, D-Va., DeJoy first denied having contacted the president's campaign team, but later backtracked, saying he has "spoken to people that are friends of mine that are associated with the campaign" over Trump's baseless claims that mail voting will lead to fraud.

"I have put word around to different people that this is not helpful," DeJoy said during a six-hour House Oversight Committee hearing.

DeJoy faced tense questions from lawmakers over mail delivery delays seen since he took the helm in mid-June. It was his second appearance before Congress in four days.

"I am not engaged in sabotaging the election," DeJoy said, adding that, like Trump, he personally plans to vote by mail.

The hearing quickly became a debate over the delivery disruptions being reported nationwide. Democrats said the changes under DeJoy's watch are causing widespread delays, but Republicans dismissed the worries as unfounded and part of a Democratic "conspiracy" against Trump.

The pandemic has pushed the Postal Service into a central role in the 2020 elections, with tens of millions of people expected to vote by mail rather than in-person. At the same time, Trump has acknowledged he is withholding emergency aid from the service to make it harder to process mail-in ballots, as his election campaign legally challenges mail voting procedures in key states.

Trump again raised the prospect of a "rigged election" Monday as he spoke about mail-in voting at the Republican National Convention. Experts say mail voting has proven remarkably secure.

DeJoy, a former supply-chain CEO and a major donor to Trump and the GOP, set in motion a series of operational changes this summer that delayed mail across the country. DeJoy told the House panel that election mail is his "No. 1 priority," adding that he will authorize expanded use of overtime, extra truck trips and other measures in the weeks before the election to ensure on-time delivery of ballots.

World

14 killed, 75 wounded in bomb attacks in south PH

MANILA, Philippines (AP)— Muslim militants allied with the Islamic State group set off a powerful motorcycle explosive followed by a suicide bombing that together killed 14 people on Monday, many of them soldiers, in the worst extremist attack in the Philippines this year, military officials said.

At least 75 soldiers, police and civilians were wounded in the midday bombings in Jolo town in southern Sulu province, regional military commander Lt. Gen. Corleto Vinluan said. The bombings were staged as the government grapples with the highest number of coronavirus infections in Southeast Asia.

Vinluan said most of the victims, including children, were killed and wounded in the first attack, when a bomb attached to a motorcycle exploded near two parked army trucks in front of a grocery store and computer shop in Jolo.

"It was a vehicle-borne improvised explosive device which exploded while our soldiers were on a marketing run," Vinluan told reporters.

A second blast, apparently from a female suicide attacker, occurred about an hour later and killed the bomber, a soldier, a police commando and wounded several others, a military report said. It said the suspected bomber walked out of a snack shop, approached soldiers who were securing a Roman Catholic cathedral and "suddenly blew herself up."

Snipers were deployed in the area to guard against more bombers as the victims were carried to an ambulance.

A third unexploded bomb was reportedly found in a public market. Jolo was immediately placed in a security lockdown by troops and police.

Presidential spokesman Harry Roque condemned the bombings "in the strongest possible terms."

Initial pictures seen by The Associated Press showed soldiers carrying a man from the scene of the explosion near an army truck while another victim lay on the road. The wreckage of a motorcycle and body parts were seen on the road.

The first bombing was carried out near a town plaza and the cathedral in the predominantly Muslim and poverty-stricken province. The country's southern region is home to minority Muslims in the largely Roman Catholic nation and has been the scene of decades of Muslim separatist unrest, particularly in remote island provinces such as Jolo.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the attacks, but the military blamed an Abu Sayyaf militant commander, Mundi Sawadjaan, who has been linked to suicide bombings in recent years in Sulu.

Military officials said last week that Sawadjaan had plotted bombings in Sulu using two female suicide attackers. Army troops were carrying out a covert operation to locate and capture Sawadjaan and the suicide bombers in June when four army personnel were stopped at a Jolo police checkpoint and later shot to death by a group of policemen.

The army angrily described the killings as a rub out and demanded murder charges be filed immediately against nine policemen. Police officials, however, say it may have been a mistaken encounter between the army and police forces.

UN: Over 10,000 Islamic State fighters active in Iraq, Syria

UNITED NATIONS (AP)— More than 10,000 Islamic State fighters are estimated to remain active in Iraq and Syria two years after the militant group's defeat, and their attacks have significantly increased this year, the U.N. counter-terrorism chief said Monday.

Vladimir Voronkov told the U.N. Security Council that Islamic State fighters move freely "in small cells between the two countries."

He said the Islamic State extremist group—also known as IS, ISIL and ISIS—has regrouped and its activity has increased not only in conflict zones like Iraq and Syria but also in some regional affiliates.

"However, in non-conflict zones, the threat appears to have decreased in the short term," he said. "Measures to minimize the spread of COVID-19, such as lockdowns and restrictions on movement, seem to have reduced the risk of terrorist attacks in many countries."

Nonetheless, Voronkov said, "there is a continued trend of attacks by individuals inspired online and acting alone or in small groups, which could be fueled by ISIL's opportunistic propaganda efforts during the COVID-19 crisis."

He said the COVID-19 crisis has highlighted the challenges of eliminating the threat of terrorism, pointing to actions by IS and other terrorist groups seeking "to exploit the far-reaching disruption and negative socioeconomic and political impacts of the pandemic."

But Voronkov said the pandemic's impact on IS recruitment and fundraising activities remains unclear, and there is no clear indication of a change in the extremist group's strategic direction under its leader, Abu Ibrahim al-Hashimi al-Quraishi.

Turning to Africa, Voronkov said the Islamic State in West Africa Province "remains a major focus of ISIL global propaganda, and its total membership of approximately 3,500 makes it one of the largest of the remote `provinces.'" He said it continues to reinforce links with the Islamic State in the Greater Sahara, "which remains the most dangerous group in the tri-border area of Burkina Faso, Mali, and the Niger."

While IS only has "a few hundred fighters in Libya," he said, they have been exploiting ethnic tensions and represent "a potent threat capable of broader regional impact." He also pointed to worrying attacks by the Islamic State Central Africa Province in Congo and Mozambique, "including complex attacks and brief takeovers of villages."

In Europe, Voronkov said, the main threat comes from "Internet-driven, homegrown terrorist radicalization," citing three ISIL-inspired attacks in France and two in the United Kingdom. He also noted "acute concerns ... about radicalization and failed rehabilitation in prisons, and the imminent release of dangerous inmates with a terrorism background or connections."

Commonwealth Zoning Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 9, 2020 I 5:00 PM
Commonwealth Zoning Board Office
Governor Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center Building
Tel: 234-9661/2 • Fax: 234-9666 • www.zoning.gov.mp

AGENDA

A. Preliminary Matters
1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Adoption of 07/23/2020 and 8/6/2020 Zoning Board Meeting minutes
5. Public Comments

B. Communication:
1. Rep. Lorenzo Guerrero – Statistics of Junk Cars in Villages
2. Commonwealth Casino Commission –Monthly Meetings
3. Commonwealth Development Authority – Compliance for QC Beneficiaries
4. CNMI Muslim Cemetery, Inc. – Zoning Inquiries

C. Old Business
1. ITB 19-ZB-134 "Vehicle purchase for Enforcement & Operations"
2. Nuisance Abatement & Blighted Properties Maintenance Act of 2018 Regulations

D. Executive (Closed) Session

E. New Business
1. Zoning Administrator Renewal
2. Zoning for Cannabis Uses
3. Operations Reports (Permitting & Enforcement)

F. Miscellaneous
1. Other Matters
2. Announcements
3. Next Meeting

G. Adjournment

In an effort to provide public access to this meeting during this pandemic, the Commonwealth Zoning Board will host this meeting via:

Zoom Video Communications
Meeting Link: https://zoom.us/j/6853007492?pwd=Q0daYlNPMDdXdFlQRTQ4UkhFRjViUT09
Meeting Code: 685 300 7492
Password: Sept9

This meeting will also be aired on the Office of the Governor's Facebook page.

NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION

Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Program

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

OPENING DATE: August 26, 2020 CLOSING DATE: September 11, 2020 TIME: 10:00 A.M.

NMHC JVA NO.	Positions:	Salary:
2020-012	Internal Auditor (1-Position)	UNGRADED $50,000.00 to $60,000.00 per annum
2020-013	Senior Accountant (2- Positions)	UNGRADED $35,000.00 to $45,000.00
2020-014	Accountant (2-Positions)	UNGRADED $25,000.00 to $30,000.00 per annum
2020-015	Project Supervisor (1-Position)	UNGRADED $35,000.00 to $45,000.00 per annum
2020-016	Construction Inspector (3-Positions)	UNGRADED $25,000.00 to $30,000.00 per annum
2020-017	Administrative Specialist (2-Positions)	UNGRADED $25,000.00 to $30,000.00 per annum
2020-018	Receptionist (1-Position)	UNGRADED $20,000.00 to $25,000.00 per annum

Employment application form, detailed job description, qualification requirements and other information can be accessed at www.nmhcgov.net located on the "Job Vacancies Announcements" tab.

Applicants may submit their applications through the following options: Submission at the NMHC Central Office in Garapan, Saipan; Drop Box located in front of the NMHC Central Office building; or email application and documents to officemanager@nmhcgov.net.

All applicants must complete and submit the NMHC Employment Application Form together with required documents that are listed in the Employment Application Package. Failure to provide the required documents will result in automatic disqualification. NMHC and all its properties are drug-free zones; therefore, selected applicant will be subject to pre-employment drug screening.

It is the policy of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) that the merit system will be applied and administered according to the principle of equal opportunity for all citizens and nationals as defined by its personnel regulations and the Northern Marianas Commonwealth Constitution regardless of age, race, sex, religion, political affiliation or belief, marital status, disability or place of origin.

For inquiries, please contact Mr. Jacob Muna, Office Manager, at (670) 234-6866/9447or by email to officemanager@nmhcgov.net. NMHC is a fair housing agency and an equal opportunity provider, lender and employer.

/s/
JESSE S. PALACIOS
Corporate Director

Good Housekeeping

Working from home due to COVID-19 will remain norm for many employees through 2020

By MILAN POLK
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

CHICAGO—Without the commute to the office or lunch hours with co-workers thanks to COVID-19, the boundaries of a work day are blurring, leaving employees less sure of when to take breaks or log off at the end of the day.

A recent study from the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) found that the average workday around the world is 48.5 minutes longer than before the pandemic. The study examined how work email and meeting patterns changed in the two months following a government-mandated pandemic lockdown in 16 cities, including Chicago.

Dr. Alexandra Solomon, a professor and licensed psychologist at the Family Institute at Northwestern University, said work days can feel longer in such a stressful time.

"I think time is doing very strange things," Solomon said. "Even if the hours on the page are the same objectively, the feeling is that we're working more."

TNS
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For those whose homes have become their offices, with the potential for remote work sticking around for quite some time, here are some tips to better separate your work and home life.

Keep a routine

Before the pandemic, a person might have found solace in a regular cup of coffee before their first meeting, or in having a morning exercise regimen. Jaclyn Jensen, an associate professor at the Driehaus College of Business at DePaul University, said to keep these habits even though you no longer travel into the office.

"We don't have that commuting anymore, that commute space as separation," said Jensen. "If what helps you get going was a coffee and an exercise and reading the news, that still provides, probably, some clear benefits to you."

Talk to your boss and your team

The NBER study found that people are having more frequent (but shorter) meetings and receiving more emails, particularly after business hours. Jensen said it's because people are missing their daily interactions with co-workers.

"I think the absence of a casual catch-up in the hallway would be a very common occurrence. That isn't happening anymore," Jensen said. "And so scheduling a formal time to connect is taking the place of those casual hallway conversations."

Bosses may also schedule more time to chat, since they can't stop by an employee's desk to check in. Jensen said keeping an open line of communication about expectations and deadlines can ease some of the pressure to get work done right away, especially if life at home is creating distractions.

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"If the employee is balancing a much bigger plate of responsibilities at home, whether the work is done at 7 a.m. or 7 p.m. maybe doesn't matter," Jensen said. "So long as it's done by Friday at five is the goal."

Be honest with what you can handle

When virtually working with others, Solomon said it's important to be honest when you feel overwhelmed, since the combination of work and home being in one place can be stressful.

"I think a really important piece here is self-awareness," she said. "If you and I are working together on projects, I need to be really careful to not over-promise and underdeliver. That requires me to be able to assess my capacity, and then to be able to be compassionate enough with myself _ and assertive enough with you _ to say, 'Listen, it's not realistic to have this done in one day on Monday.'"

Make time for yourself

Working longer may be a reaction to how uncertain the world feels with the pandemic. Solomon said people may find an escape in their jobs.

"There's something sort of very concrete about focusing on the parts of the world that you can control, and work might be one of those spaces," Solomon said.

A way to bring more control over your life, Solomon said, is to create boundaries. Scheduling breaks throughout the day, meditating or making time for social calls with friends can reduce stress and make sure that work doesn't take over your life.

Colleagues Solomon has talked to have deleted email apps on their phones to separate work from their personal mobile devices. Those who worked from home before the pandemic likely have learned a few lessons we can glean from them, as well, she said.

"The challenge of working from home is that you can always be working because there's no separation," Solomon said. "What they tell us is you have to put the boundaries in yourself."

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Job Vacancy Announcements
OPEN UNTIL FILLED
(Recruiting U.S. Workers Only)

- **Greens keeper**
  - o Starting Salary: $7.25
  - o Three (3) Full Time Positions
  - o Requirements: High School Diploma or equivalent with two (2) years of experience as a greens keeper or landscaper of a golf course required (as maintaining the greens of a golf course is significantly different from regular landscaping functions.) Must be highly dependable & punctual. Must be able to work outdoors (exposed to nature's elements, for extended periods of time.) Must be able to lift at least 50lbs. Must be able to work early mornings, weekends, and holidays.
- **Heavy Equipment Mechanic**
  - o Starting Salary: $8.00
  - o One (1) Full Time Position
  - o Requirements: High School Diploma or equivalent with one (1) year of experience as a Heavy Equipment Mechanic. Expertise on heavy equipment maintenance. Ability to develop and maintain awareness of occupational hazards and safety precautions; skilled in following safety practices and recognizing hazards Must be highly dependable & punctual. Must be able to work outdoors (exposed to nature's elements, for extended periods of time.) Must be able to lift at least 50lbs. Must be able to work early mornings, weekends, and holidays. Must have knowledge/skills in the following: Repairing, Troubleshooting, Equipment Maintenance, Operation Monitoring, Operation and Control.
- **Golf Course Mechanic Supervisor**
  - o Starting Salary: To be determined based qualifications.
  - o One (1) Full Time Position
  - o Requirements: High school diploma or equivalent and two (2) years of work experience as a mechanic supervisor. Must be highly reliable as this position may require them to respond to emergencies. Must be able to lift over 50 lbs. Must be able to work in hot or less-than-desired conditions. Must be able to work nights, weekends, and holidays.
- **Building Maintenance Assistants:**
  - o Salary: $ 7.25
  - o Two (2) Part Time Positions (Full Time Status upon completing four (4) months probation.)
  - o Requirements: High school diploma with at least one (1) year experience as a semi-skilled worker in one or more of the basic building maintenance trades. Must be able to operate a forklift, light truck and other related motorized equipment. Must be able to work outdoors (exposed to nature's elements, for extended periods of time.) Must be able to lift at least 50lbs. Must be able to work early mornings, weekends, and holidays. Must have knowledge/skills in the following: Repairing, Troubleshooting, Equipment Maintenance, Operation Monitoring, Operation and Control.
- **Building Maintenance (HVAC Technician):**
  - o Starting Salary: $8.00
  - o One (1) Part Time Position (Full Time Status upon completing four (4) months probation.)
  - o Requirements: High School diploma or equivalent with two (2) years of work experience in this field. Must be highly reliable as this position may require them to respond to emergencies. Must be able to work outdoors (exposed to nature's elements, for extended periods of time.) Must be able to lift at least 50lbs. Must be able to work early mornings, weekends, and holidays. Must have knowledge/skills in the following: Repairing, Troubleshooting, Equipment Maintenance, Operation Monitoring, Operation and Control.

Applicants must pick up/drop off Employment Application at the Front Desk of the hotel located in Kagman III. Application submission hours are Monday to Friday 7:30 am to 1:00 pm.
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TINIAN CASINO GAMING CONTROL COMMISSION
Municipality of Tinian and Aguiguan
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9910(a), the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission (TCGCC) hereby gives notice that it will hold its Regular Meeting on Monday, August 31, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. at the TCGCC Conference Room.

AGENDA

I. **PRELIMINARY**
  a. Call to Order
  b. Roll Call
  c. Adoption of Agenda
  d. Adoption of Minutes
    1. June 30, 2020 – Regular Meeting
II. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**[1]
III. **REPORTS**
  a. Chairman's Report
  b. Executive Director's Report
IV. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
  a. TCGCC Rules and Regulations Proposed Amendments to Subsection (a)(i) and (k) of the Rules and Regulations for the Reporting and Proper Filing of Annual Audit, Other Reports, Suspicious Activity and Currency Transaction Reports by a Licensed Casino Operator on the Island of Tinian
V. **NEW BUSINESS**
  a. Licensing Matters
  1. Renewal of Casino Service Industry License of SG Gaming Asia, Ltd.
VI. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**[2]
VII. **Official/ Miscellaneous/ Administrative Matters**
VIII. **ADJOURNMENT**

[1]Public comments are limited to 30 minutes and each remark is limited to 3 minutes each. Everyone is welcomed to submit written comments.
[2]Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Commission may vote to meet in executive session at any time.

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Position: Commercial Cleaners
Positions Available: 15
Working hours 8:00am–5:00pm. Working days, Monday – Saturday
Salary is $10.42/hr,
overtime rate is $15.63/hr.

If interested, contact us at 1-671-683-3844 or email spnmarianas.corp@gmail.com

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Life & Style

O'Neal agrees to multiyear extension with Turner Sports

Shaquille O'Neal won't be leaving "Inside the NBA" anytime soon. In fact, viewers are going to be seeing more of him across Turner's many platforms.

Turner Sports and WarnerMedia announced Monday that they have reached a multi-year extension with O'Neal, who joined Turner in 2011 after a 19-year Hall of Fame NBA career

During a telephone interview with The Associated Press, O'Neal said discussions were happening before the coronavirus pandemic halted everything in March.

"I'm happy to be with Ernie (Johnson Jr.), Charles (Barkley) and Kenny (Smith) for longer. I love working with them," O'Neal said. "The first two years were difficult, I was trying to be Bryant Gumbel or the next Ernie Johnson. Then I realized Ernie is Ernie and they wanted me to be Shaq. Once I loosened up, things were a lot better."

O'Neal said doing "Shaq Life" on TNT this past year, which was a series that showed him as a DJ, businessman and around his family, showed him the different things he could pursue with Turner.

Besides his appearances on TNT's NBA studio shows, the agreement includes O'Neal's "The Big Podcast" moving to WarnerMedia next year, "Shaq Life" being renewed for a second season, and O'Neal appearing on CNN's New Year's Eve show mixing tracks as a DJ. It also includes him serving as an executive producer for some projects on Bleacher Report as well as a new show on the business of basketball on NBA TV.

"I definitely want to get a cartoon going," O'Neal said. "Turner has a lot of entities under their umbrella. Who knows? I might have to put "Kazaam" under the Turner Movie Classics library."

O'Neal's current focus, though, is on the NBA playoffs. While he has liked the quality of the basketball, he does miss the travel aspect of the postseason for teams.

"It has to be done, but playoff basketball is about the stories and overcoming things, now you don't have that," he said. "Now you just have to have a guy go off. There's no travel, no wear and tear, You have to have your A game on." ***(AP)***

AP

In this Dec. 22, 2016, file photo, retired Hall of Fame basketball player Shaquille O'Neal smiles as he talks to reporters during an NBA basketball news conference in Miami.

J Balvin, Roddy Ricch no longer performing at MTV VMAs

NEW YORK (AP)—Grammy-winning rapper Roddy Ricch and Colombian superstar J Balvin will no longer perform at the MTV Video Music Awards.

Ricch announced his cancellation in a statement posted to Instagram Live, saying: "My team and I did everything in our power to make this work, due to COVID compliance issues at the last minute we had to call off the performance."

The MTV VMAs will air on Sunday at 8 p.m. ET. The show was originally supposed to take place at the Barclays Center in Brooklyn and will now be held outdoors at various places in New York City in response to the coronavirus pandemic.

"My team and I are safe and everyone's health is a main priority, as well as giving a quality performance," Ricch said. "I appreciate MTV for the opportunity to perform and I hope I can see y'all next year. STAY SAFE."

A representative for Balvin confirmed on Monday that he would no longer perform at the event, but no details were provided. In a pre-taped video released almost two weeks ago, Balvin revealed he contracted COVID-19 and that it impacted him heavily and made his life difficult. While he accepted an award at Premios Juventud 2020, he told viewers: "This is not a joke ... It's very dangerous. Take a lot of care of yourselves."

Representatives for MTV didn't immediately reply to an email seeking comment.

Others set to perform at the VMAs include Lady Gaga with Ariana Grande, The Weeknd, BTS, Miley Cyrus, DaBaby, Black Eyed Peas, Maluma, Doja Cat and CNCO.

Gaga and Grande are the top contenders with nine nominations apiece, most of them for their No. 1 collaboration "Rain on Me." Ricch is up for three awards, including song of the year for his No. 1 hit "The Box." And Balvin has four nominations, including three for best Latin.

AP

This combination photo shows J Balvin performing at Lollapalooza in Chicago on Aug. 3, 2019, left, and Roddy Ricch performing at the 7th annual BET Experience in Los Angeles on June 21, 2019.

First lady opens student art exhibit on women's suffrage

WASHINGTON (AP)—Melania Trump on Monday marked the 100th anniversary of women gaining the right to vote with an art exhibit based on works by children from all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

The first lady called adoption of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution that granted women voting rights a "turning point" in the women's rights movement.

She unveiled the exhibit on Pennsylvania Avenue outside the White House and said it would encourage to talk to their children about the "important conversations taking place around equality" and help them understand the history behind women's suffrage.

Mrs. Trump also used her appearance—on the opening day of the Republican National Convention—to promote certain aspects of her husband's record on women's issues. Polls show President Donald Trump facing a yawning deficit with female voters.

AGT winner Murphy earns high school equivalency diploma

LOGAN, W.Va. (AP)—"America's Got Talent" winner Landau Eugene Murphy Jr. put his down time during the coronavirus pandemic to good use, earning his high school equivalency diploma 30 years after dropping out.

With his road performances eliminated by the virus shutdown, the singer took online classes during the spring and summer.

"My manager and a few close friends kind of teamed up and encouraged me to make this downtime really count for something, and I'm so glad I did," Murphy, a Logan, West Virginia native, said in a statement.

Murphy dropped out of school in the 11th grade, a decision that haunted him for years. He worked numerous odd jobs and at one point was living out of his car.

In 2011, Murphy's smooth renditions of Frank Sinatra hits helped earn him $1 million, his own Las Vegas show and a recording contract when he won the NBC talent show.

Young man debates merits of keeping his virginity

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 28-year-old male who is still a virgin. I always wanted to be intimate with a virgin female for my first time, but I have never met one. I've had opportunities for sex but refrained because she wasn't a virgin. The older I have gotten, the harder it has become to achieve my dream of being someone's first and sharing this wonderful experience together. I doubt there are any virgin females my age left.

I know I have missed out on an important aspect of life that so many others have had. Should I start dating younger women, or let go of my fairy-tale first-time fantasy and have sex with just anybody, knowing I'll regret it? Or should I hold out longer and wait for another virgin to come into my life?

FAIRY-TALE DREAM

DEAR FAIRY-TALE DREAM: Consider pushing the pause button on your fantasy until the pandemic is under control, and do nothing that you know you'll regret. Before going forward, figure out why sex with another virgin is so important to you. Once you have the answer to that, consider what you have to offer a girl like the one you fantasize about. Many virgins are saving themselves for marriage. If you are willing to wait until marriage to fulfill your fantasy, you may find what you're looking for. (Or not.)

DEAR ABBY: I am 55 and recently started dating "Paul," a 54-year-old man. His 26-year-old daughter, "Andrea," lives with him. My problem is, she invites herself along on our weekend getaways, small trips, etc. He tells me he knows it's a problem. Andrea is a college graduate working for her dad's company, but she has no outside interests, no social skills and she's afraid to talk to people one-on-one. She also doesn't care about her appearance.

Paul doesn't know what to do. His daughter doesn't want to live with her mom, and he's trying to get her acclimated to being her own person and independent. I suggested a life coach. He knows he enables her to a certain extent. Other than this issue, our relationship is wonderful. Please help.

THREE'S A CROWD IN THE MIDWEST

DEAR THREE'S A CROWD: It should be obvious that Paul's attempts to help his daughter not only haven't worked, but may have contributed to her problem. She needs professional help for her severe social anxiety. Start with her physician. Her doctor or insurance company can refer her to someone qualified. Her father should insist upon this, rather than continue to enable her.

DEAR ABBY: I was cheated on by my ex-husband. Since our divorce, I am interested only in married men. I have been to therapy, but I can't seem to shake it. I hit on married men because I don't believe all men are faithful. Is this unhealthy, and what can I do about it?

NOT RIGHT IN THE NORTH

DEAR NOT RIGHT: What you're doing is definitely unhealthy! You didn't mention how long ago your divorce happened, but hitting on married men may be your way of ensuring that you won't become so deeply involved your heart is broken again. Perhaps you will be less inclined to continue these liaisons if, before starting another one, you take a moment to consider their effect on the wives and children involved.

P.S. And since your first therapist was unable to help you, contact another one.

DEAR ABBY

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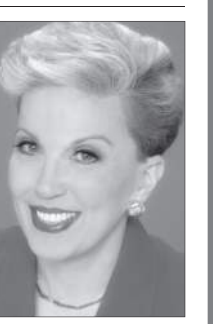

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Calvin and Hobbes

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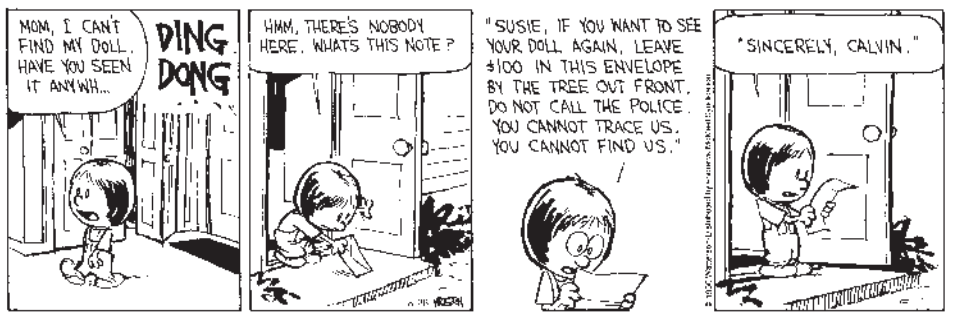
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"SINCERELY, CALVIN."

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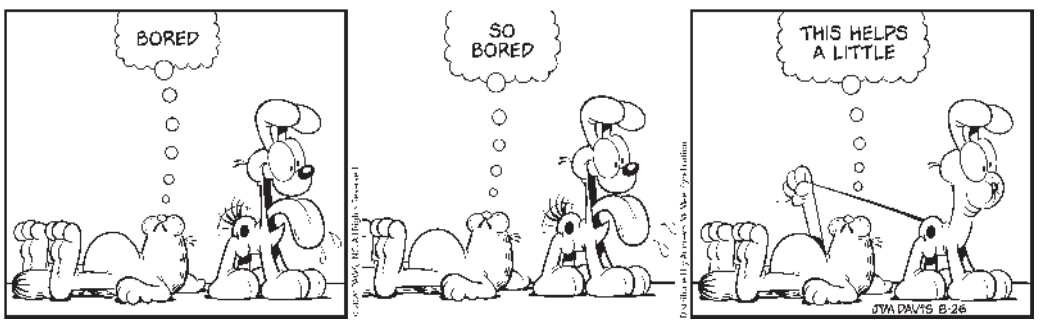

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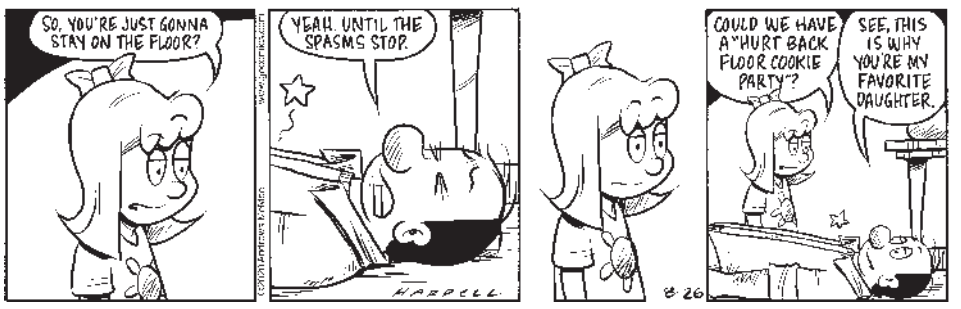
SO, YOU'RE JUST GONNA STAY ON THE FLOOR?
YEAH. UNTIL THE SPASMS STOP.
COULD WE HAVE A "HURT BACK FLOOR COOKIE PARTY"?
SEE, THIS IS WHY YOU'RE MY FAVORITE DAUGHTER.
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The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

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59 IRS employees

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23 "Selma" actress Thompson
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29 And others (Lat.)
31 Apiece
32 Yalie
34 Bantu language
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Solution time: 23 mins.

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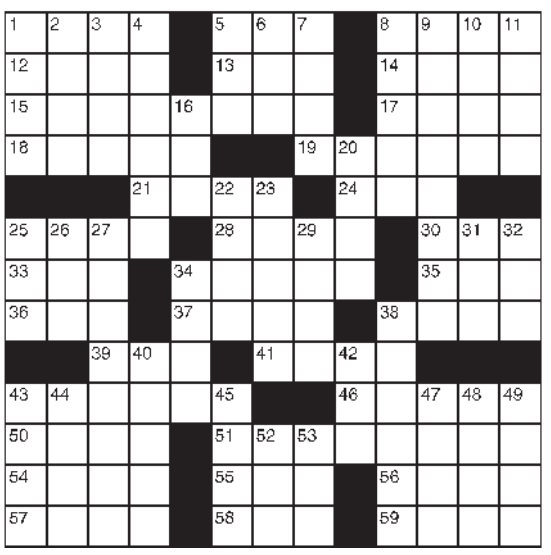

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Keke Palmer, 27; Macaulay Culkin, 40; Chris Pine, 40; Melissa McCarthy, 50.

Happy Birthday: You'll encounter winning proposals this year. Don't let emotional issues stand between you and the changes you want to make. Maintain equality and fair trade, regardless of what you face. Let go of a personal problem to pursue your dreams. Spend money to make money, but the experience will enrich your life when all is said and done. Your numbers are 3, 12, 23, 28, 34, 37, 48.

ARIES *(March 21-April 19):* A positive attitude will help you excel. Put your energy into perfecting whatever you want to pursue. Take on a challenge, or sign up for a course that interests you. An emotional encounter will bring you closer to someone you love. ✪✪✪✪✪

TAURUS *(April 20-May 20):* Friendship is featured, and a chance to learn more about someone you enjoy being around will open your eyes to new possibilities. Spending on others isn't necessary if you want to make an impression, but kindness and honesty will make differences. ✪✪✪

GEMINI *(May 21-June 20):* Initiating force, ultimatums or emotional manipulation is not acceptable. Whether you are trying to get your way or someone else is, put an end to such behavior, and get on with your life. A trusted friend will offer sage advice. ✪✪✪

CANCER *(June 21-July 22):* Change direction. Spice up your life, move things around at home to suit your new lifestyle and be open to suggestions that will encourage spending more time with someone you love. Taking action will give you control. ✪✪✪

LEO *(July 23-Aug. 22):* Keep active. Physical activities and challenges will encourage you to test your strength and help you dodge situations that require making decisions you aren't ready to pursue. Refuse to let anyone pressure you into something you don't want to do. ✪✪✪✪✪

VIRGO *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22):* You'll be disappointed if you rely on anyone. Something unexpected will stop you in your tracks if you are not prepared. Be ready to accept the inevitable, and make it work for you. Home and self-improvement are favored. ✪✪

LIBRA *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22):* Reach out and help others. Offer your time, knowledge and services, but not your cash. Take a hands-on approach, and make a difference. Someone will recognize your skills and make you an offer you can't refuse. Don't sell yourself short. ✪✪✪✪

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21):* Get organized, and you'll make your life easier. The pressure to finish what you start will mount. Your professionalism and reliability will determine your destiny. Don't promise anything you cannot deliver. Celebrate your accomplishment with someone you love. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21):* Stick to the truth, or don't say anything at all. Focus on personal growth, physical fitness and emotional stability. Learning experiences will have consequences if handled the wrong way. Don't make unnecessary changes. Truth and fair play will make a difference. ✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19):* Trust in your ability to make your own decisions. Listen to the suggestions made, but don't give in to something you don't want to do. Love, commitment and contracts all look good, but donations or paying for others will lead to regret. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18):* Concentrate on doing the best job possible. Refuse to let someone or something from your past disrupt your plans. Don't feel you have to make a change because someone else does. Offer others the same freedom you want in return. ✪✪✪✪

PISCES *(Feb. 19-March 20):* Stick to the truth, or be prepared to face an emotional dispute. Someone you love will disappoint you if you expect too much too soon. Don't make decisions that are final. You'll have to be fair if you want to make progress. ✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are dedicated, loyal and persistent. You are caring and adaptable.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's Answer

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WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the WONDERWORD.

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Yesterday's Answer: Head Over Heels

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Lakers honor Kobe, take control of series vs Blazers

AP
Los Angeles Lakers' LeBron James (23) shoots against Portland Trail Blazers' Carmelo Anthony, left, during the second quarter of Game 4 of an NBA first-round playoff series, Monday, Aug. 24, 2020, in Lake Buena Vista, Fla.

FLORIDA (AP)— The Los Angeles Lakers jumped out to an apt 24-8 lead on Kobe Bryant Day and dominated the Portland Trail Blazers the rest of the way to take a 3-1 advantage in their playoff series with a 135-115 victory Monday night.

LeBron James had 30 points and 10 assists in 28 minutes before heading to the bench late in the third quarter. The Lakers led by as many as 38 points for their third straight win in the opening-round series, the team's first playoff appearance since 2013.

The Trail Blazers won the opener but have appeared gassed in the past two games as the grind of the bubble and injuries appear to have taken a toll. Damian Lillard, the MVP of the seeding games in the NBA bubble, had 11 points before leaving with a right knee injury in the third. The severity of Lillard's knee injury was not immediately known.

Anthony Davis added 18 points in 18 minutes for the Lakers before leaving the game midway through the third with back spasms.

The Lakers, the top seed in the Western Conference, can close out the series on Wednesday.

It was considered "Kobe Day" because Monday was 8/24, the two numbers Kobe Bryant wore during his 20-year career.

Los Angeles honored the Lakers legend and his daughter, Gianna, during the game, wearing black "Black Mamba" jerseys with a heart-shaped No. 2 patch to honor Gianna.

Bryant, who was killed in a helicopter accident with his daughter in January, would have celebrated his 42nd birthday on Sunday.

"We want to have this be a day to celebrate his life and carry that type of emotion into the game," Lakers coach Frank Vogel said before the game. "We've always wanted to embody what he stood for and we all know that he would want us to keep our foot on the gas even though we've won two in a row."

Inspired by Bryant, the Lakers' 24-8 lead seemed fortuitous, and they went on to outscore the Blazers 43-25 in the first quarter.

The Lakers led 80-51 at the half. It was the most points in a half for Los Angeles in a playoff game since a game against Denver in 1987.

James nailed 3-pointer from some 36 feet out and then demonstratively nodded as the Lakers took an 80-53 lead. The Blazers struggled to even keep up.

Bucks 121, Magic 106

Giannis Antetokounmpo had 31 points, 15 rebounds and eight assists, Khris Middleton finally came alive with a huge fourth quarter Milwaukee beat Orlando to take a 3-1 lead in their first-round series.

Middleton scored 18 of his 21 points in the fourth quarter and finished with 10 rebounds after being held to one field goal in the first three quarters on 1-of-9 shooting.

Wesley Matthews added 12 points for the Bucks, who can close out the Magic on Wednesday.

Nikola Vucevic continued his strong play for the Magic, finishing with 31 points, 11 rebounds and seven assists. Terrence Ross had 19 points and seven rebounds off the bench.

Thunder 117, Rockets 114

Dennis Schroder scored a career playoff-high 30 points, and Oklahoma City rallied to beat Houston and even the first-round Western Conference playoff series at two wins apiece.

Oklahoma City trailed by 15 points in the third quarter and was down a point heading into the fourth.

Chris Paul scored 26 points and Shai Gilgeous-Alexander added 18 points and 12 rebounds for the Thunder, who won despite allowing 23 3-pointers.

James Harden had 32 points, 15 assists and eight rebounds for Houston. Eric Gordon scored 23 points and Danuel House Jr. added 21 for the Rockets.

Former Thunder star Russell Westbrook sat out for Houston again with a strained right quad.

Heat 99, Pacers 87

Goran Dragic scored 23 points and fifth-seeded Miami completed a first-round sweep of Indiana.

Tyler Herro had 16 points and Bam Adebayo added 14 points and 19 rebounds for the Heat, who made it out of the first round for the first time since 2016.

Victor Oladipo had 25 points and Myles Turner added 22 points and 14 rebounds for the Pacers, who have dropped four straight postseason series to the Heat since 2012.

Miami's bench outscored Indiana's depleted reserves 38-3.

Heat guard Jimmy Butler left the game in the first quarter with a left shoulder strain. He returned after halftime and finished with six points in 23 minutes.

76ers fire Brown after being swept out of playoffs

PHILADELPHIA (AP)— Patient and positive, Brett Brown was the perfect coach for the Philadelphia 76ers when they set up a long-term home in the NBA basement.

They'll be looking for someone else now that they want to be on top.

The 76ers fired coach Brown on Monday, a day after his seventh season ended in a first-round postseason sweep.

The 76ers were 43-30 this season and had woefully underachieved in a year when they were expected to be serious contenders in the Eastern Conference.

After the sixth-seeded Sixers were swept by the Boston Celtics, the move was expected.

"I have a tremendous level of respect for Brett both personally and professionally and appreciate all he's done for the 76ers organization and the city of Philadelphia," general manager Elton Brand said in a statement. "He did many positive things during his time here, developing young talent and helping position our team for three straight postseason appearances. Unfortunately, we fell well short of our goals this year and I believe it is best to go in a new direction."

Brown finished 221-344, though his record was never going to be pretty because the Sixers weren't trying to win when he was hired.

Brown was tasked with the leading the Sixers through a rebuild dubbed "The Process," where management stripped the roster of serious NBA talent to lose games and increase their odds at better draft picks. Brown won only 47 games in his first three seasons, including a 10-72 record in 2015-16.

The philosophy paid off when Philly drafted Joel Embiid and Ben Simmons, who would both become All-Stars and lead the Sixers to two straight trips to the Eastern Conference semifinals.

But Simmons missed the postseason with a knee injury and neither Embiid nor the players brought in in recent years could provide enough scoring in clutch situations against Boston.

The 76ers said they would begin a search for a new coach immediately to replace Brown, who quickly earned respect around the league for keeping a positive outlook even during a no-win situation.

"In 2013, I was employed to lead one of the most dramatic rebuilds in professional sports history. In the past seven years, our players and coaches have evolved and grown, and I have deep appreciation for the 102 players I have coached," Brown said.

The Sixers believed they were ready to contend for their first championship in 37 years and Brand spent $180 million to re-sign Tobias Harris and nearly $100 million to sign free agent Al Horford away from Boston.

More talent or another coach for Nets?

The Brooklyn Nets went down meekly in the playoffs, their decimated roster no competition for the reigning NBA champions.

The Nets won't be overmatched by anyone next season, assuming Kevin Durant and Kyrie Irving are healthy.

The question going into the offseason is who will lead them.

Jacque Vaughn finished out the season as coach and did as well as anyone could have expected, leading the Nets to a 5-3 record in the NBA's restart in Florida before they were swept by the Toronto Raptors. He started 2-0 after replacing Kenny Atkinson in March, including a victory over the Lakers in Los Angeles, and picked up victories over the powerful Bucks and Clippers at Walt Disney World.

"I think if you ask anybody who was a part of JV's two games before the cutoff and the whole experience here, I think they'll tell you that he's very deserving of the job," guard Caris LeVert said. "He's done a great job down here winning with less and I think everybody saw that."

With Durant and Irving already out after surgeries, Spencer Dinwiddie, DeAndre Jordan and Taurean Prince also became unavailable after testing positive for the coronavirus. Wilson Chandler opted out of the restart and finally Joe Harris left two games into the playoffs for family reasons.

Newton clear favorite to start for Patriots

MASSACHUSETTS— Here's the most shocking news. While some folks expected Jarrett Stidham to start for the Patriots this season, it hasn't taken long for Cam Newton to blow past him and Brian Hoyer in the competition to replace Tom Brady as New England's starting quarterback.

According to multiple beat reporters covering the team's training camp practices, this is now Newton's job to lose.

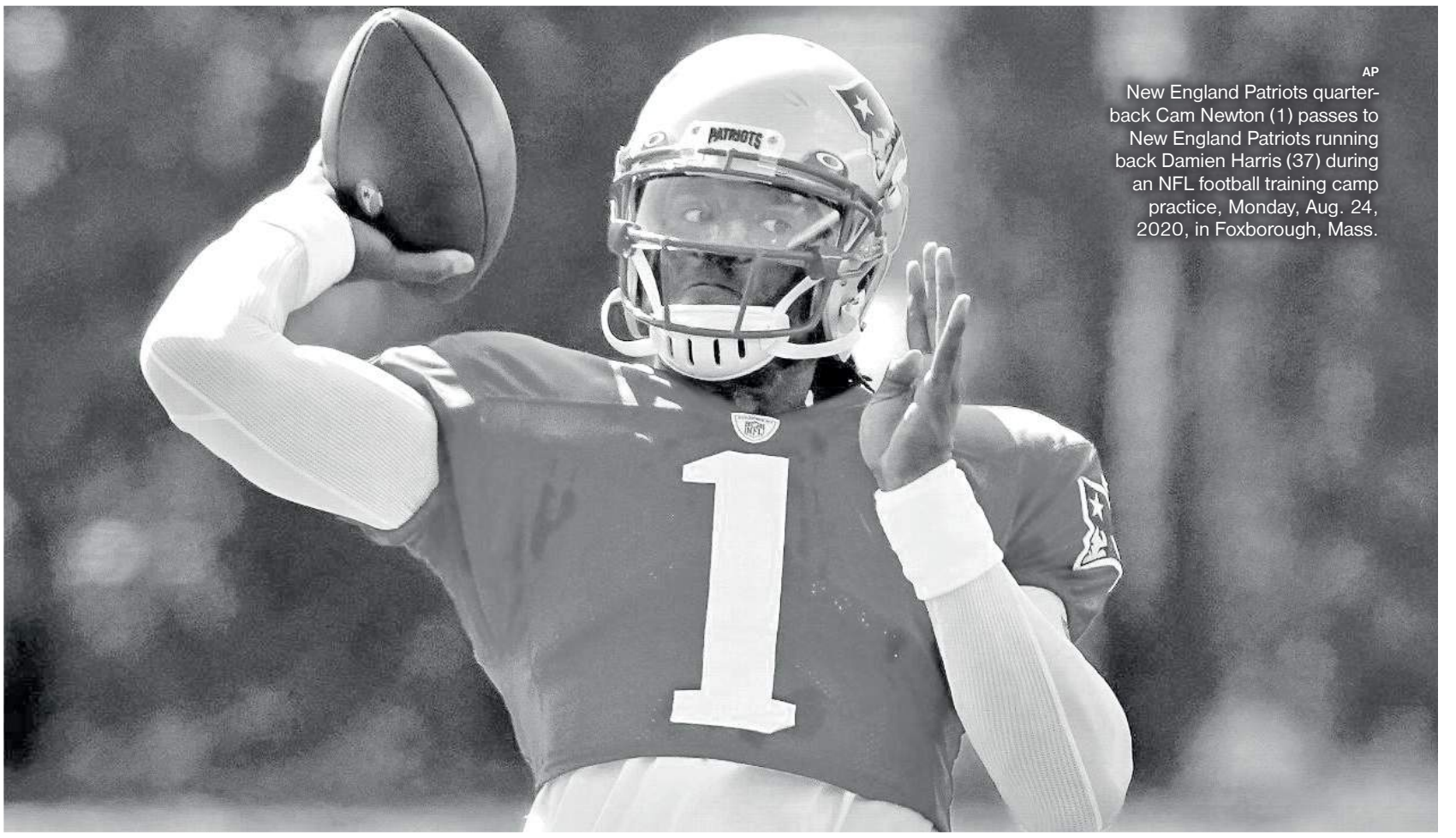
It's more than just numbers, though, according to Ben Volin at the Boston Globe.

"When the three Patriots quarterbacks take the field, Newton is the biggest, baddest man out there, and everyone knows it," Volin said.

Patriots coach Bill Belichick is being typical and not making it official. It's clear where this is headed, though. Newton will be his starter Week 1 against the Dolphins, as if there were ever any question.

Those of us who paid attention in the first half of 2018 knew Newton is more than capable of playing at a high level when he's healthy. Bill Belichick may have been the only GM who saw it, too.

Belichick stealing Newton like this repeats a familiar pattern.



AP

New England Patriots quarterback Cam Newton (1) passes to New England Patriots running back Damien Harris (37) during an NFL football training camp practice, Monday, Aug. 24, 2020, in Foxborough, Mass.

What has separated New England from the competition over these last 20 years more than anything is that they don't beat themselves. They don't make unforced mistakes on the field, they don't overpay at the wrong positions and they don't pass on a no-brainer like signing Newton.

Other QB-needy teams like the Chargers, Bears and Washington who allowed Newton to land in New England should get the same treatment as Atlanta blowing a 28-3 lead or Seattle not giving Marshawn Lynch the ball at the one-yard line.

When it comes to the Patriots, so often they win big because their competition implodes.

Contamination to COVID-19 tests

The lab used by the NFL for COVID-19 tests said Monday that an isolated contamination caused 77 "most likely false positive results."

In a statement, BioReference Laboratories said the test results on Saturday were contaminated during preparation at its lab in New Jersey. Eleven clubs were affected, and the tests were reexamined and found to be false positives.

"The NFL immediately took necessary actions to ensure the safety of the players and personnel," said Dr. Jon R. Cohen, executive chairman of BioReference, which does all COVID-19 testing for the 32 NFL teams in five labs across the country. "Re-agents, analyzers and staff were all ruled out as possible causes and subsequent testing has indicated that the issue has been resolved. All individuals impacted have been confirmed negative and informed."

Among teams reporting false positives, the Minnesota Vikings said they had 12, the New York Jets 10 and the Chicago Bears nine. The entire episode puts the NFL and its testing procedures through BioReference in a precarious position with the opening game kicking off on Sept. 10.

There are five labs nationwide that service the 32 teams, with only the New Jersey facility having the false positives this weekend. Anyone testing positive for COVID-19—even a false positive upon a retest—is required to have two more negative tests before being cleared to return.

The New York Giants said Monday that two staff members whose test results initially came back as false positives were back at work. Both were given a point of care test Sunday morning, the results of which were known within the hour, and were administered the standard test they undergo on a daily basis, the results of which were known Sunday night. Both results were negative.

Two other Giants staffers were deemed through contact tracing to have been in close contact for more than 15 minutes with their peers who had the false positives. They also returned to work Monday.

Goodell supports kneeling

Roger Goodell appeared as a guest on former Eagles linebacker and current FS1 analyst Emmanuel Acho's "Uncomfortable Conversations with a Black Man" series, and the NFL commissioner said he will support any and all players who choose to kneel for the national anthem this fall.

Additionally, Goodell emphasized that he has no plans to penalize any player who chooses to peacefully protest the national anthem.

"We have never disciplined a single player for the national anthem. I don't intend to," Goodell said. "We've never disciplined any of them. I don't think it's the right thing to do."

Former San Francisco 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick sparked immediate controversy in the fall of 2016 when he decided to kneel for the national anthem as a way to protest police brutality and racial inequality in the United States.

Kaepernick, who became a free agent following that season, has not played in the NFL since. The quarterback filed a lawsuit against the league for collusion. The two sides reached an agreement in February of 2019.

The United States has been in a period of social unrest following the death of Minneapolis man George Floyd on May 25 in police custody. ***(AP/NBC)***

PSG faces dilemma of losing superstars

PORTUGAL—A cynic might say that the dismantling of Paris Saint-Germain has already begun.

Less than 24 hours after PSG lost to Bayern Munich in Lisbon, news came down that longtime team captain Thiago Silva is expected to sign this week with Chelsea.

The Brazilian defender's exit is no shock; it was confirmed in June that the 35-year-old's expiring contract would not be renewed and that he would leave after eight years in Paris. Still, it would be surprising if Silva is the only big name to depart the Parc des Princes before Europe's summer transfer window closes in October, more than a month later than usual because of the coronavirus pandemic.

The financial fallout from the ongoing health crisis figures to impact PSG less than many other top clubs, what with the bottomless pockets boasted by its ownership group. But even after the most successful season in its 70-year-history—one that took longer to arrive than many expected when the sleeping giant was purchased by an arm of Qatar's autocratic government in 2011—keeping its squad together won't be easy.

After luring the likes of Silva, Zlatan Ibrahimovic and David Beckham to France's capital, PSG dropped nearly a half-billion euros on Neymar and World Cup-winning youngster Kylian Mbappe in 2017. Thomas Tuchel, considered one of Europe's top up-and-coming managers, was hired the following year.

It took Tuchel just two seasons to build a roster capable of reaching the top of the club game. Make no mistake: PSG's ascension wasn't a fluke that could occur only during this unprecedented season. Neymar and Co. hit the ground running after the quarterfinals were postponed to this month despite not having played a competitive game, unlike their competition, since the world went sideways in mid-March.

They had finally became a team, rather than a collection of high-priced individuals under their German coach. Alas, even that might not be enough to keep them together.

Real Madrid has long coveted Mbappe; an agreement to sell the 21-year-old to the reigning La Liga champion was reportedly nearly complete before COVID-19 intervened. Mbappe has since committed to staying in Paris through the end of next season, but things change. Former Real headliner Cristiano Ronaldo is already lobbying his former team to sign the French national team speedster.

Neymar would be an even bigger loss for PSG. The face of the club has flirted with leaving almost since his arrival on a world record transfer fee three summers ago. Barcelona reportedly came close to reacquiring the 28-year-old last summer. Neymar reportedly was disappointed that the reunion didn't happen.

Barca could renew interest, whether or not a disgruntled Lionel Messi forces his way out in the weeks or months to come. Messi's departure would give Barca more than enough cash to splash on Neymar's return.

And while it's true that PSG is one of the likeliest destinations should the game's greatest player leave Barcelona, there's no reason to think competing in Ligue 1 would be more attractive to Messi than other leagues. (Tuchel, for what it's worth, believes Messi will stay in Spain.)

PSG will add reinforcements regardless, of course. Barca's Chilean midfielder Arturo Vidal is believed to be high on Tuchel's wishlist. If and when Mbappe or Neymar leave, another global icon will no doubt be recruited to take his place.

Yet what PSG's summer run has proven is that it takes time as much as money to build a cohesive squad capable of standing toe-to-toe with other methodically built and similarly wealthy foes. After coming so close to the summit on Sunday, this Paris Saint-Germain team deserves the chance to stay intact long enough to build on its success and make another Champions League run or two.

"We have to keep this quality to continue on this road," Tuchel said after Sunday's defeat.

Whether they get to or not remains to be seen. ***(AP/NBC)***

Pujols passes A-Rod on career RBIs chart

HOUSTON (AP)—Los Angeles Angels star Albert Pujols continued his climb up the career charts Monday night, passing Alex Rodriguez with his 2,087th RBI.

Hank Aaron is the record holder at 2,297. Babe Ruth is next on some lists with 2,214, even though 224 occurred before the RBI became an official statistic in 1920.

"Definitely it's an honor," Pujols said after a loss to the Houston Astros.

The 40-year-old Pujols hit an RBI single in the fifth inning to top A-Rod.

"Congrats to my friend (at) PujolsFive on another amazing milestone! One of the best hitters ever and an incredible person," Rodriguez tweeted.

Pujols is batting .211 with three home runs and 12 RBI this season. He's recently been out of the lineup for the Angels, who have the worst record in the American League.

"It's tough," he said.

The three-time MVP and 10-time All-Star has 659 career home runs, one behind Willie Mays for fifth place.

"I'm not here to chase records," Pujols said. "Twenty years ago when I started ... that was never my goal."

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Los Angeles Angels first baseman Albert Pujols waits for the pitch during their MLB game against the Oakland Athletics on August 21, 2020 at RingCentral Coliseum in Oakland, CA.

Cubs 9, Tigers 3

Javier Baez hit two home runs and the Chicago Cubs became the second franchise in major league history to post 11,000 wins, beating the Detroit Tigers.

Only the Giants have won more, with 11,179 victories after starting in New York in 1883 and later moving to San Francisco.

The Cubs, who earned their first victory in 1876, improved to 11,000-10,414. The Brooklyn/Los Angeles Dodgers are close behind with 10,996 wins.

David Bote homered and drove in four runs for the NL Central-leading Cubs. Baez had three RBI.

Cubs starter Alec Mills (3-2) got the win, giving up three runs on seven hits and a walk while striking out seven.

Blue Jays 6, Rays 4

Randal Grichuk hit a three-run homer in the seventh inning and Toronto beat Tampa Bay.

Reliever Aaron Loup (3-2) replaced Edgar Garcia with one on and one out. After Cavan Biggio reached on catcher's interference, Grichuk gave Toronto a 5-3 lead with his seventh home run.

Lourdes Gurriel Jr. also homered for the Blue Jays, and Thomas Hatch (2-1) worked two scoreless innings for the win. Jordan Romano worked the ninth for his second save.

Marlins 11, Nationals 8

Jesus Aguilar drove in three runs and Miami defeated Washington, taking three of the five games in the series.

Aguilar's two-run double was part of a huge third inning for Miami off Nationals starter Austin Voth (0-3). The Marlins scored five runs with two-outs and six total, turning a one-run lead into a 7-0 advantage.

Pablo Lopez (3-1) allowed six hits and three runs—none earned—in five solid innings.

Twins 3, Indians 2

Miguel Sano hit a two-run homer and Nelson Cruz connected for a solo shot to lead injury-riddled Minnesota past Cleveland.

Sano homered in the sixth inning off Aaron Civale (3-3).

The Twins, who have several regulars and two starting pitchers on the injured list, lead the Indians by 2 1/2 games.

Kenta Maeda (4-0) gave up a leadoff homer in the first to Cesar Hernandez and then dodged trouble for the next four before turning it over to Minnesota's bullpen.

Rangers 3, Athletics 2

Lance Lynn struck out eight in another workhorse start, Isiah-Kiner Falefa hit a go-ahead homer and Texas ended its eight-game losing streak with a win over American League-leading Oakland.

Kiner-Falefa hit a solo shot in the second inning off Jesus Luzardo (2-1), snapping a 2-2 tie to put the Rangers ahead to stay.

The Rangers had led for only one of the 74 innings they played during their losing streak that was the longest active in the majors.

Brewers 4, Reds 2

Justin Smoak homered and drove in three runs as Milwaukee cooled off Trevor Bauer and snapped a four-game skid with a victory over Cincinnati.

Omar Narvaez added a solo shot to help the Brewers win their opener of a 10-game homestand.

Bauer (3-1) began the game with an 0.68 ERA that led the majors, but fell behind 4-0 in the first four innings as the Brewers reversed their season-long trend of slow starts.

Cardinals 9, Royals 3

Paul DeJong drove in three runs in his second game back from battling COVID-19 and Jack Flaherty tossed five shutout innings to help St. Louis beat Kansas City.

Paul Goldschmidt homered and also drove in three for the Cardinals, who have won four of five.

Flaherty (2-0) allowed one hit in a 64-pitch effort. He struck out three and did not walk a batter.

Astros 11, Angels 4

Framber Valdez struck out a career-high 11 in seven strong innings and Carlos Correa drove in three runs as Houston snapped a three-game skid with a win over the Angels.

Angels star Albert Pujols passed Alex Rodriguez on the career RBI list with a single for his 2,087th run batted in. Hank Aaron is the record holder at 2,297 -- Babe Ruth is listed next on some charts with 2,214, even though 224 occurred before the RBI became an official statistic in 1920.

Valdez (3-2) yielded six hits and four runs to get his third straight win.

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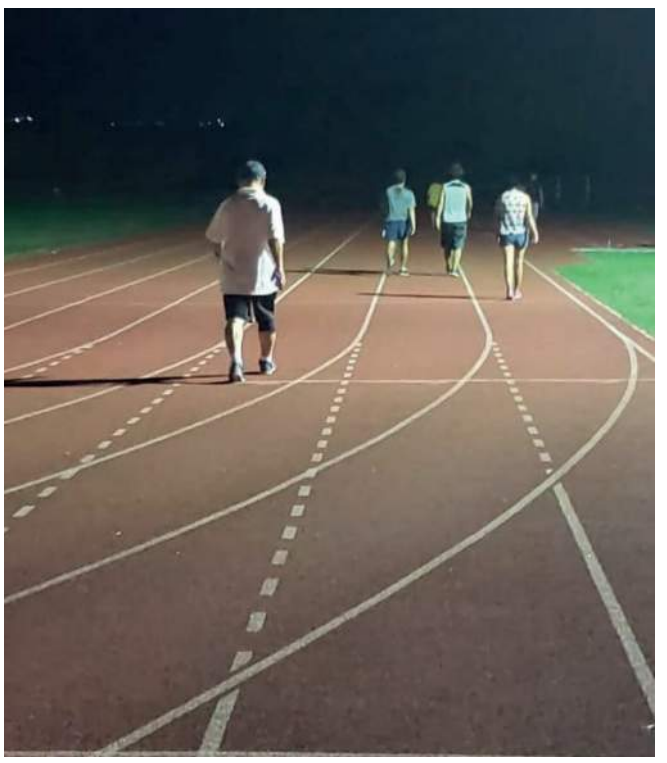
order, posting comments and suggestions on various social media platforms.

While the CNMI government is still letting public places open for health and wellness activities, Estepa and Tolentino, along with recreational runner Ladyvir Canape, encouraged people to be responsible and cooperative.

"We need exercise, especially nowadays, to boost our immune system, but walk or run responsively. If you can wear a mask while walking, that's good. If not, just make sure you are at least 6 feet away from other runners/walkers," said Canape, a regular at the Gov. Eloy H. Inos Peace Park.

"Avoid shaking hands and stopping to talk to friends you meet in the pathway," Tolentino added. "And of course, wash your hands before and after you go out."

Carline Sablan, executive director of the Northern Marianas Sports Association that manages the Oleai Sports Complex, sees a lot of community members using the track oval day and night and recognizes the importance of such activities and availability of facilities for residents.



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Runners/walkers utilize the Oleai Sports Complex's track oval for their nightly exercise.

"Being outdoors for physical activities is important so we can stay happy and healthy. Walking and running at the Oleai track and field while following social distancing guidance are great ways to support mental, emotional, and physical health, and minimize the spread of COVID-19," Sablan said after finishing her rounds at the oval last night.

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and the Micronesian pair also pulled the rug under their the top-ranked foes Ben Pechan of Vanuatu and Samoa's Phillip Warren in the finals, 6-1, 6-1. Schorr and Camacho reached the title match after eliminating Fiji's Maui Leflon and Vanuatu's Samuel Stri, 6-1, 6-4, while PEchan and Warren reached the finals following a 7-6 (1), 6-3 victory over Kiribati's Banien Ioera and Tahiti's Vaitea Molinier.

Schorr, Tan, and Ishikawa were part of the North Pacific Team that battled the East and West squads in the two-weekend competition. Other CNMI bets who made the selection in 2014 were Ami Tsukagoshi, Luther Lizama, Ken Song, Robbie Schorr, Malika Miyawaki, Conatsu Kaga, Asia Raulerson, Colin Ramsey, and Carol Lee.

Lee played in the opening week and ruled the girls U14 singles crown after defeating New Caledonia's Leo Bolo in the finals 6-0, 6-2. The U14 title came after Lee took the U12 singles championship in 2013. Lee eventually became the first player in the Pacific to have won three age group title, as she also notched the girls U16 tiara for three straight years (from 2015 to 2017).

Lee, Schorr, Miyawaki, Song, and Tan played for the CNMI National Team in the 2019 Pacific Games in Apia, Samoa and the Jeff Race-coached squad brought home three gold medals and one silver. Isabel Heras, also a former junior player, and Colin Sinclair were the other members of the triumphant national team.

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Julia Ishikawa, left, and Tania Tan, are all smiles after winning a doubles title in the 2014 Pacific Oceania Junior Championships.

SAIPAN TRIBUNE

In this 2014 file photo, Robbie Schorr sees action in a local tournament before heading to Fiji to compete in the Pacific Oceania Junior Championships.

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Outdoor exercise rules get thumbs up

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MARIANAS VISITORS AUTHORITY
Runners enjoy their regular run along the Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio Beach Road Pathway.

Members of the sports community and those involved in health and recreational activities welcome the decision of the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force allowing people to continue with their exercise routines outdoor despite the reimplementation of curfew hours in the CNMI.

Raymund Tolentino, who runs regularly along the Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio Beach Road Pathway, said the new directive on letting people utilize all public parks, public pathways, and public beaches for outdoor recreation for the purposes of exercise and wellness, both physical and mental, encourages them to stay active at this time of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Some of us stopped working, are under a lot of stress, and stayed at home most of the time. Allowing us to exercise keeps us sane and happy so we are very thankful for the CNMI government for allowing us to exercise in public areas," said Tolentino, who recently completed the 100-mile run Go The Distance Challenge (virtual race).

Vernice Estepa, another finisher in the Go The Distance Challenge (300-mile bike), said biking is one of the best ways to do activities that observe social distancing.

"Cycling is a safe, socially distanced way of getting around. Ride solo or with your trusted small group," said Estepa.

She added that at this time of the pandemic, CNMI residents are more fortunate than Guam's as we still get a chance to exercise or do recreational activities to stay health and battle COVID-19.

"We are lucky to live in a place that is so conducive to biking and other physical activities. Exercising regularly and staying active during this pandemic improves both our physical and mental health. Nature and fresh air can help us relax and feel less stressed," Estepa said.

Guam was not as lucky as the CNMI, as recently Gov. Lou Leon Guerrero, due to the spike in COVID-19 cases, signed Executive Order 2020-28, placing the former in lockdown (until Aug. 28) and limiting outdoor activities, including exercise and athletes' training. Several athletes asked for clarification on the

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Flashback: Tan, Ishikawa stun foes

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SAIPAN TRIBUNE
In this 2014 file photo, Julia Ishikawa returns to Tania Tan, right, during a local tournament at the American Memorial Park tennis courts.

On this day, six years ago, then junior tennis players Tania Tan and Julia Ishikawa pulled off an upset over their opponents from Tahiti and American Samoa to hand the CNMI its second doubles championship in the 2014 Pacific Oceania Junior Championships Event 2.

Ishikawa and Tan stunned the No. 1 seeded pair of Crystal Christman (American Samoa) and Lea Lamorelle (Tahiti), 6-0, 6-1, in the girls U14/U12 doubles finals of the POJC held in Fiji. The sweep gave the CNMI duo a perfect record in the division as they earlier dominated Samoa's Leafine Cronin and Eleanor Schuster, 6-0, 6-1, and topped American Samoa's Michelle Miller and Lessei Perelini, 7-6 (3), 6-3, to make it to the finals.

Before Tan and Ishikawa's doubles triumph, their fellow CNMI player, Robbie Schorr, also won a doubles crown. Schorr teamed up with Guam's Camden Camacho

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